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CET-2022 results today

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority will announce the Common Entrance Test (CET-2022) results on Saturday at 11 a.m. The results will be available on http://karresults.nic.in.

Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan will release the results.

A strong govt. does not control everything: PM

'BJP govt. at the Centre has a temperament for reform'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the BJP government at the Centre had a temperament for reform and that a strong government did not control everything or everyone.

Speaking at the 42nd convocation of Anna University in Chennai, Mr. Modi said there was a notion earlier that a strong government meant it should control everything and everyone.

"But we have changed this. A strong government does not control everything or everyone. It controls the system's impulse to interfere. A strong government is not restrictive but is responsive. A strong government does not move into every domain. It limits itself and makes space for people's talents. A strong government's strength lies in its humility to accept that it cannot know or do everything," the Prime Minister said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi being welcomed by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin at the Anna University convocation in Chennai on Friday. Governor R.N. Ravi is at left. • PTI

Three factors

Mr. Modi said the reform process being undertaken by his government was among the three factors that worked in favour of the graduating students. The second factor was that there was now trust in risk-takers where people now ask whether the students had tried starting something on their own. "Even if one is working in a job, it is seen as cooler to work for start-ups," he said.

The third factor was that there was a taste for technology. The Prime Minister said the new National Education Policy ensured greater freedom for youth to take decisions according to evolving situations. The students were graduating at a time that some would call as one of global uncertainty but he would term it one of great opportunity.

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Core sector output rises by 12.7%

Crude oil output dropped 1.7% from a year earlier

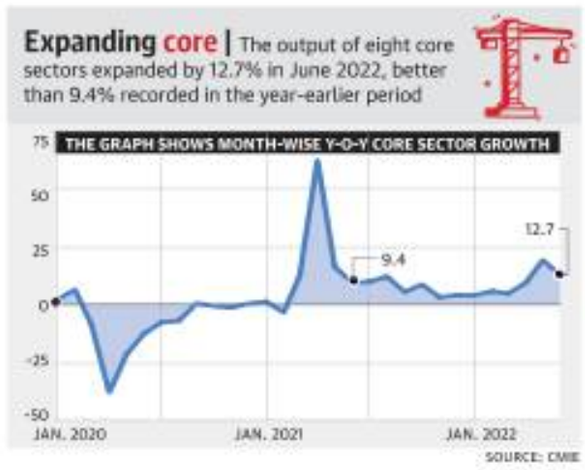
VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

India's eight core sectors' output growth moderated to 12.7% in June, from 18.1% in May, with all sectors except crude oil registering an uptick in production.

Coal, cement, electricity and refinery products rose 15% or more, compared with the June 2021 output levels, while natural gas (1.2%), steel (3.3%) and fertilizers (8.2%) grew at a milder pace. Crude oil output dropped 1.7% from a year earlier, returning to contractionary territory after recording the first uptick in several months this May.

The Commerce and Industry Ministry also revised the index of eight core industries for March and May. Core sectors' growth in March was pared to 4.8% from 4.9% estimated earlier, while for May, it was revised higher at 19.3% from the previous estimate of 18.1%.

While June marks the second successive month of double-digit growth in core sectors, which constitute about 40% of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), the overall core output shrank 4.08% compared with the previous month. Cement and fertilizers were the only sectors to record a sequential month-on-month growth in output in June of 6.9% and 0.32%, respectively.



Healthy performance

Compared to pre-COVID levels, the core sectors reported an 8% growth in June with a healthy performance in all the sectors, except steel and crude oil, said Aditi Nayar, chief economist at rating agency ICRA.

The disaggregated trends are exceedingly mixed, she said, ranging from a contraction in crude oil to a robust expansion of 31% in coal.

The broad-based moderation in the growth rate to 12.7% from 19.3% in May, Ms. Nayar attributed to the 'normalising base' effects from 2021 amid the second COVID-19 wave.

"In line with the moderation in the year-on-year performance recorded by most high frequency indicators as well as the core sector in June 2022, we expect the IIP growth to ease to about 11% to 13%," Ms. Nayar averred. The IIP had grown 19.6% in May.

Rajani Sinha, chief economist at CARE Ratings, said the low base from last year helped prop up the growth rate in June, but added she expects further momentum in coming months for the core sectors with a pick-up in investment demand.

Praveen's murder: State for NIA probe

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government on Friday said it would recommend handing over the probe into the killing of BJP Yuva Morcha office-bearer Praveen Nettaru at Puttur in Dakshina Kannada to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who chaired a high-level meeting with senior police officials, announced that the Home Department would write to the Centre to hand over the investigation. Since the murder case involved organised crime and had inter-State links, the government had decided to transfer the probe to the NIA, Mr. Bommai told presspersons. "The State Home department will communicate to the Centre to hand over the probe to the NIA," he said.

Several BJP leaders, including Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shobha Karandlaje, had urged the Union Home Ministry to order an NIA probe into the murder of Praveen.

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Indian cricket dips its toes in the multi-sport ocean

At the Commonwealth Games, Harmanpreet Kaur's side has the opportunity to break out of the shadow of the men's team on a stage cricket does not frequent. A good showing will fuel the growing interest in the women's game at home and strike a blow for gender parity

UTHRA GANESAN

Cricket is unique. It's a team game where individual excellence not only defines its players but often supersedes the team itself. It aspires to a global footprint without compromising on the privileges of its powerhouses. It's a sport that basks in its adherence to tradition and yet has changed its form and format the most. And in India, it's a sport that identifies as a lot more – religion, business, entertainment, celebration.

For these reasons, and others, cricket has largely stayed away from multi-disciplinary events that celebrate sporting excellence – the Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games. While the Asian Games in 2010 and 2014 featured cricket, with a return scheduled in 2022 – minus India – the game's maiden, modest appearance in the Commonwealth Games was in Malaysia, way back in 1998.

The sport then was so far from its current avatar that current India captain Harmanpreet Kaur was a wee nine-year-old, Sachin Tendulkar and Anil Kumble were at the peak of their respective careers and Shafali Verma was still more than five years away from conception. And so, when India's female players left for Birmingham earlier this week, they were in an enviable position: there was no history to be judged against, just the opportunity to be pioneers of a future where sharing facilities at a Games Village would no longer remain a curiosity for cricketers.

"It will be a game-changer going ahead. This is the first time we are participating in an event of this magnitude. It's a big platform for our girls to be with so many athletes across so many sports and it is also an opportunity for us to showcase our sport and our talent," Harmanpreet said.

It's a first-time opportunity for the women's team. In 1998, the 50-over version was played, only by the men, with the cricketing world divided on the event's importance. The Board of Control for Cricket in India was initially reluctant and then wanted to send a B-team, prioritising the Sahara Cup against arch-rival Pakistan in Toronto. Participation was only guaranteed after a lot of cajoling and coercion from the Indian Olympic Association – particularly then president Suresh Kalmadi, who did not budge from his position on Tendulkar's inclusion – and the government.

There were 16 teams, with several West Indian nations participating independently. The Indian team was split into two – one competing in Kuala Lumpur, the other in Toronto – and the CWG outing ended disappointingly. The Ajay Jadeja-led unit won just one of three league games (there was one no-result) and failed to reach the knockouts, despite the presence of players such as Tendulkar, Kumble and V.V.S. Laxman.

Shorter, sharper

This time around, it's a shorter, more competitive affair, with eight teams playing T20s. "All of us as cricketers have watched the Olympics and Asian Games and Commonwealth Games growing up, seen the national flag flying high and the national anthem played. This is a chance for us to do that as well and it's a matter of pride," coach Ramesh Powar insisted.

It isn't a cakewalk, though, for the team.

India is clubbed with Australia, Pakistan and Barbados in Pool A, with the team starting favourite only against Pakistan. "This tournament is very important for us and we will definitely be playing for a medal. We have grown up watching such events and we are glad we are also getting this opportunity," Harmanpreet said.

The tone and tenor is a far cry from the reluctant, protesting participation 24 years ago. In a way, it's also representative of the changing sporting scenario, across the world and at home. While cricket has clearly become a behemoth that dwarfs everything else in the country, the public interest in other sports, especially during multi-disciplinary events, has grown manifold. India's consistent, if miniscule, successes have also played a part.

Other cricketing powers, including Australia and New Zealand, too have been constantly backing and pushing for inclusion. And with existing markets, barring India, approaching or on the verge of stagnation, the powers-that-be are constantly on the lookout for newer markets. The spate of T20 leagues across the planet is only indicative of the same.

What sets things apart this time is the opportunity it provides for India's women cricketers to break out of the shadows of their male counterparts, on their own terms, on a stage that the men seemingly don't value as much as the rest of the world does. And a good showing on that stage would only help hasten the achievement of gender parity, in opportunities and emoluments. It will also fuel the growing interest in women's cricket at home.

With talks of a women's IPL gaining strength and the likes of the Big Bash League and The Hundred drawing top Indian names – unlike the men, the Indian women have been allowed to play in other franchise leagues – the CWG couldn't have come at a better time for the Indian women. Which also explains the naming of a full-strength squad for the event.

What is also different on this occasion is the venue. The 1998 edition was held in Kuala Lumpur, a city not big on cricket, on hastily laid, under-prepared pitches. The interest was mainly from the expats who knew about the sport and the players. This time around, with the games played at Edgbaston on proper pitches in a nation that knows its cricket, both the interest and competition levels are expected to be much higher.

The shift, in some ways, is also reflective of the way perceptions have changed in the sport. Just as India has gone from being a country, in foreign minds, of dusty roads, stray cows and the infamous Delhi Belly to being the first stop for every professional cricketer, Indian cricket's reluctance too has given way to excited, if cautious, curiosity for multi-disciplinary events.

Novel experience

"This is something new not just for me but the entire team, we have never been part of an event where other sports are also involved. It's pretty new and we don't really know about the Games Village so we are not sure how much we will be able to go around and interact with other athletes. But I would love to have conversations with other athletes on the kind of training they do, trying to know their sports and share their experience," vice-captain Smriti Mandhana said.

It is a novelty, for sure. Smriti added that the team was still processing the shift from aiming for a trophy as the winner to aiming for a podium finish and a medal, imagining the subtle but substantial shifting of targets. A big role in this shifting of perception has been played by one man – Neeraj Chopra, and his Olympic gold.

Although the Olympic champion has pulled out of CWG with a strain, he remains a favourite. Powar wanted to pick Neeraj and double Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu's brains to handle pressure – "both of them have set the bar high and I would love to go into their minds and their preparations and exchange notes on how they handle the pressure of an entire nation," he said – and Smriti cited Neeraj's winning moment as the motivation for doing well.

"I literally had goosebumps when the national anthem was played and the flag went up after Neeraj got it in the Olympics. We have all watched these events and everyone knows the feeling when the Indian flag goes up and that's what we are looking forward to here. We are clearly aiming for gold, not just a podium finish," she revealed.

And Harmanpreet is looking forward to cheering Indian athletes across other sports, something that a standalone cricket tournament can never provide. "I have actually been imagining that. Now it's not only about cricket. We want to celebrate each and every medal that we win," she declared.

There is an apocryphal story of hockey legend Dhanraj Pillay being asked what he had that Sachin Tendulkar did not. Pillay presumably replied: "I am an Olympian, an Asian Games gold medallist. He can never be one." The CWG may not be in the same league as the Olympics but the Indian women's team now has a chance to get that elusive medal cricketers have never had.

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>
> HARMANPREET KAUR, India captain

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Daniil Medvedev	26	7,775	19
2	Alexander Zverev	25	6,850	18
3	Rafael Nadal	36	6,165	9
4	Stefanos Tsitsipas	23	5,045	23
5	Carlos Alcaraz	19	4,895	18
6	Casper Ruud	23	4,890	24
7	Novak Djokovic	35	4,770	11
8	Andrey Rublev	24	3,575	24
9	Felix Auger-Aliassime	21	3,445	24
10	Jannik Sinner	20	3,185	25
11	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,025	23
12	Taylor Fritz	24	2,960	25
13	Cameron Norrie	26	2,928	26
14	Matteo Berrettini	26	2,430	17
15	Diego Schwartzman	29	2,325	26

Top Indians ▸

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 229 ▼ 3 spots

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 310 ▼ 3 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Iga Swiatek	21	8,336	15
2	Anett Kontaveit	26	4,476	20
3	Maria Sakkari	27	4,190	20
4	Paula Badosa	24	4,030	24
5	Ons Jabeur	27	4,010	18
6	Aryna Sabalenka	24	3,267	19
7	Jessica Pegula	28	3,087	16
8	Garbine Muguruza	28	2,886	19
9	Danielle Collins	28	2,743	16
10	Emma Raducanu	19	2,717	22
11	Coco Gauff	18	2,647	16
12	Daria Kasatkina	25	2,635	21
13	Belinda Bencic	25	2,635	19
14	Leylah Fernandez	19	2,534	18
15	Karolina Pliskova	30	2,477	16

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 340 ▲ 4 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 382 ▲ 2 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	DRIVER	TEAM	POINTS	WINS
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	233	7
2	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	170	1
3	Sergio Perez	Red Bull Racing	163	1
4	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	144	1
5	George Russell	Mercedes	143	0
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	127	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	70	0
8	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	56	0
9	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	46	0
10	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	37	0
11	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	22	0
12	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	19	0
13	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	16	0
14	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	15	0
15	Mick Schumacher	Haas	12	0
16	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	11	0
17	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	5	0
18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	4	0
19	Alex Albon	Williams	3	0
20	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	0	0
21	Nico Hulkenberg	Aston Martin	0	0

Max Verstappen

Charles Leclerc

F1 Constructors' standings

POS	TEAM	POINTS	WINS	PODIUMS
1	Red Bull	396	8	15
2	Ferrari	314	4	11
3	Mercedes	270	0	9
4	Alpine	93	0	0
5	McLaren	89	0	1
6	Alfa Romeo	51	0	0
7	Haas	34	0	0
8	AlphaTauri	27	0	0
9	Aston Martin	19	0	0
10	Williams	3	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Viktor Axelsen	121,606	41
2	Kento Momota	112,704	30
3	Anders Antonsen	98,300	37
4	Chou Tien Chen	93,776	43
5	Lee Zii Jia	91,578	44
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	90,479	40
7	Chen Long	84,400	18
8	Jonatan Christie	83,512	40
9	Loh Kean Yew	79,584	35
10	Lakshya Sen	75,874	41
11	K. Srikanth	72,481	45
12	Ng Ka Long Angus	72,007	39
13	Rasmus Gemke	70,551	39
14	Kanta Tsuneyama	67,848	34
15	Lee Cheuk Yiu	66,061	39

Top Indians ▸

Lakshya Sen
Rank 10

K. Srikanth
Rank 11

Badminton Women's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Akane Yamaguchi	111,963	39
2	Tai Tzu Ying	111,645	28
3	An Se Young	104,403	47
4	Chen Yu Fei	103,606	30
5	Carolina Marin	100,380	24
6	Nozomi Okuhara	96,560	28
7	P.V. Sindhu	95,518	45
8	Ratchanok Intanon	90,749	41
9	He Bing Jiao	83,064	34
10	Pornpawee Chochuwong	78,265	46
11	Wang Zhi Yi	75,238	31
12	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	70,294	52
13	Michelle Li	70,130	42
14	Sayaka Takahashi	66,573	35
15	Mia Blichfeldt	63,819	30

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 7

Saina Nehwal
Rank 24

Test Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Joe Root	923	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	885	936
3	Babar Azam	874	874
4	Steve Smith	848	947
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Usman Khawaja	766	779
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	746	782
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	742	772

Test Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Pat Cummins	891	914
2	R. Ashwin	842	904
3	Shaheen Afridi	836	836
4	Jasprit Bumrah	828	835
5	Kagiso Rabada	818	902
6	James Anderson	811	903
7	Kyle Jamieson	788	836
8	Kemar Roach	756	780
9	Neil Wagner	747	859
10	Mitchell Starc	739	806

ODI Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	892	898
2	Imam-ul-Haq	815	815
3	R. van der Dussen	789	796
4	Quinton de Kock	784	813
5	Virat Kohli	774	911
6	Rohit Sharma	770	885
7	Ross Taylor	752	841
8	David Warner	737	880
9	Jonny Bairstow	732	796
10	Aaron Finch	715	798

ODI Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Trent Boult	704	770
2	Jasprit Bumrah	689	841
3	Shaheen Afridi	681	688
4	Josh Hazlewood	679	733
5	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	712
6	Mehedi Hasan	672	725
7	Matt Henry	670	691
8	Mohammad Nabi	657	657
9	Rashid Khan	651	806
10	Chris Woakes	640	711

T20I Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	818	896
2	Mohammad Rizwan	794	798
3	Aiden Markram	757	796
4	Dawid Malan	754	915
5	Suryakumar Yadav	732	732
6	Aaron Finch	716	900
7	Devon Conway	682	784
8	Nicholas Pooran	667	667
9	Pathum Nissanka	661	689
10	R. van der Dussen	658	780

T20I Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Josh Hazlewood	792	806
2	Adil Rashid	724	746
3	Tabraiz Shamsi	709	821
4	Rashid Khan	709	816
5	Adam Zampa	698	743
6	Wanindu Hasaranga	668	797
7	Anrich Nortje	658	695
8	Bhuvneshwar Kumar	658	665
9	Maheesh Theekshana	647	647
10	Akeal Hosein	647	647

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Eight pairs of trains to be shifted to Visvesvaraya Terminal

The services will be introduced on August 10

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The South Western Railway (SWR) will run more train services from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal. As per the decision, eight more long distance trains will be shifted to the new terminal from Yeshwanthpur and Cantonment.

The new trains will be operated from SMVB to Howrah, Kamakhya, Pataliputra, Agartala, Bhagalpur and other locations. The services will be introduced on August 10. The new trains services shifted to Baiyappanahalli terminal include weekly, five days in a week and a daily.

Passengers alighting from a train at Sir. M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, at Baiyappanahalli in Bengaluru. • FILE PHOTO

Chief Public Relations officer of the SWR Aneesh Hegde told *The Hindu* that with the new addition of services, a total of 17 pairs of long distance trains will be operated from the point. Barring these trains, the SWR is also operating MEMU trains from the point.

The commercial operations from the new terminal started in June. The official said 32 pairs of services were planned from the point.

> **The train services from the new terminal have been well received by the passengers. They are happy with the infrastructure provided.**
>
> SHYAM SINGH
> Divisional Railway Manager

Divisional Railway Manager Shyam Singh said, "The train services from the new terminal have been well received by the passengers. We have been receiving good response from the general public and they are happy with the infrastructure provided at the terminal."

Compulsory rural service: Nearly 2,000 resident doctors await specialist counselling, posting

They wrote the exams in May and have been facing uncertainty for the last two months

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Association of Resident Doctors (KARD) has demanded that the process of specialist counselling for compulsory government service of MS/MD passed-out medical graduates be expedited.

Although the counselling was initially scheduled on July 28, the government has extended it by another 10 days. This has upset the compulsory rural service allotment process of nearly 2,000 senior resident doctors of the 2019-20 batch. The association has written to top officials in the Departments of Medical Education and Health and Family Welfare demanding that the process of counselling be expedited.

"We wrote our exams in May, and our results were announced in June. We have been jobless and are living with uncertainty for the last two months. Despite being qualified specialist doctors, it is unfortunate that we are still dependent on our parents. The delay in counselling will further push the allotment process till August end," said KARD member A. Bagewadi.

He said the senior residents will not be able to get a job in a private facility without the one-year compulsory rural service. "We have been told that the counselling has been postponed to enable registration of those who are yet to do so," he said.

"Further postponing the counselling will add to our woes and impact our mental health as well. A duration of 10 days extra for registration does not make sense as it hardly takes five minutes to register and 10 days have already been provided from July 18. Such delays that happen during counselling create a negative perception among doctors who wish to join government service in Karnataka," stated the Association's letter.

Sources said with one batch of fresh specialist doctors already serving compulsory rural service and another awaiting counselling, the Health Department is now facing a problem of plenty. "The posting of another batch of doctors will have additional financial implications on the government as additional posts have to be created. The Finance Department is yet to approve this," sources said.

T.K. Anil Kumar, Principal Secretary (Health and Family Welfare), said he was aware of the problems caused due to the delay in counselling. "I have asked the Health Commissioner to expedite the process," he said.

Health Commissioner Randeep D. said although the vacancies in hospitals under Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education for the rural service postings have almost been finalised, there are some more vacancies showing up at the last minute. "We are compiling the final list. Also, some doctors have written to us seeking more time for registrations. Hence, we have postponed the counselling to enable more registrations," he said.

On the Finance Department's approval, he said it is awaited for creation of additional posts.

CBSE Class X and XII examination results bring joy to THiS institutions

SUDHINDR A.B.
BENGALURU

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) declared Term-2 examination results of Class X and XII on Friday. The excellent results brought joy to schools that are part of The Hindu in School (THiS) programme.

For the 27th consecutive year, Army Public School, PRTC achieved 100% pass. In Class X, 96 of 151 students secured distinctions. Sohana Akhtar (98.30%) was the topper. In Class XII, 75 of 96 students secured distinctions. Aisha Fatima Desai (97%) in science, Riya Dutta (95.80%) in commerce and Pratibha Shetty (94.60%) in humanities were the toppers.

Sri Kumaran Children's Home (CBSE), Mallasandra achieved 100% pass in Class X for the 26th consecutive year. In all 180 of 225 students secured distinctions. Ishaan Snehal Parikh and Tansuhree Parkhi both with 99% were the toppers. For the 24th consecutive year, the school achieved 100% pass in Class XII. In all 163 of 165 students secured distinctions. Rahul Ramasubramanian (99.60%) in science, Navyaa Bala Chittor and Shwetangi Jhunjhunwala both with 99% in commerce and Gayatri Achar, Nanditha Krishnakumar and Ritika Tangiraja all three with 98.40% in humanities were the toppers.

KLE International School, Nagarabhavi achieved 100% pass and 47 of 142 students scored 90% and above marks. Chirantan Hegde (98.60%) was the topper.

For fifth consecutive year, Ryan International School, Bannerghatta achieved 100% pass in both Class X and Class XII. In Class X, 24 of 46 students secured distinctions. Farheen Akhtar (96%) was the topper. In Class XII, 33 of 65 students secured distinctions. Kamya Jha (97.80%) was the topper.

All 114 students of Class XII at Kendriya Vidyalaya, DRDO passed. In all, 25 scored 90% and above marks. N. Nagabhoshanan (98.20%) was the topper.

At National Hill View Public School, RR Nagar, in Class X, 110 of 129 students secured distinctions. Anushree R Alankar (98.60%) was the topper. In Class XII, 57 of 82 students secured distinctions. Shashank C., with 97.40% was the topper.

For the third consecutive year National Hill View Public School, Banashankari achieved 100% pass in Class X. In all 15 of 30 students secured distinctions. Skanda Shyam Nadig (98.50%) was the topper.

Sri Vabu Education Centre, Hanumavana too achieved 100% pass with 84 of 109 students securing distinctions. Moksha P., (99.20%) was the topper.

2,130 new COVID cases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Friday recorded 2,130 new COVID-19 infections taking the total number of cases to 40,03,785. With this the day's Test Positivity, Rate (TPR) stood at 6.51% and the weekly TPR touched 5.80%. Of the new cases, 1,615 are from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With four deaths, the State's toll touched 40,101. Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded.

As many as 1,395 persons were discharged on Friday taking the total recoveries to 39,53,776. Active cases stood at 9,866 on Friday. As many as 32,685 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, including 24,496 RT-PCR tests. With this, the total number of tests rose to 6,77,36,222.

Police crack the whip on false cases

'It is necessary to send a strong message against misuse of police machinery'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Yelahanka New Town police booked Meeradevi, 30, a homemaker, on the charge of providing false information to implicate her former male friend in a sexual harassment case, with whom she had reportedly eloped earlier.

Meeradevi and Arjun Singh Purohith allegedly had an affair and eloped leaving behind their families while they were staying in Cottonpet in June 2017. Based on the missing complaint filed by Meeradevi's husband, the police found and reunited her with the family, following which she had filed a case of rape against Arjun.

The family shifted to Yelahanka New Town. Allegedly on the instruction of her family, Meeradevi filed a complaint with the police stating that Arjun had barged into her house in September 2017, threatened her with private photos forcing her to have relationship, and even threatened to her family if she refused.

Based on the complaint, the police tracked down the accused and arrested him on the charges of trespass and criminal intimidation. While analysing technical evidence, the police found that Arjun was not in the city at the time of the incident. A detailed probe revealed that he had shifted to Hyderabad and was working with his uncle in an apparel shop. They then filed a B report in the court, and registered an FIR for misguiding the police and misusing the force to settle personal scores.

"Considering the growing number of false cases and misuse of police machinery, it is necessary to send a strong message and hence, we have booked cases after obtaining the court's permission," an officer said.

Fake attack

In another case, the Sampegihalli police registered a false case against Shiva, 30, from R.K. Hegde Nagar for trying to implicate his rival with a fake attack case in 2020. Shiva had cooked up a story and filed a complaint with the police against Waseem, for attacking him with a knife over an old rivalry. The police arrested Waseem, charging him with assault with dangerous weapons and remanded him to judicial custody. However, during investigation, they found that the medical report mentioned the injuries as superficial and inflicted in a road accident.

Vehicle theft

Another case was registered with Amruthalli police station recently when a private firm employee registered a case of vehicle theft against his friend-turned-foe and got him arrested over a financial row. The victim-turned-accused confessed that he had given the motorcycle to his friend for use and later had differences over a financial row.

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PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Pepri** Kavil Anish R/o 19081 Tower 19 Prestige Ferns Residency Haralur Road, B'lore-560102 have changed my minor daughter's name from Avantika Pepri Kavil to Avantika Kavil for all purposes.

I, **KUTHAJA** Thul Kubra, W/o Nayaz Ahmed J.B, R/at No.12/35, 6th B Cross, Boopasandra New Layout, Bangalore-560094, have changed my name to Khuteja Al Kubra vide affidavit dated 28-07-2022 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

I, **Siddappa** Mayur alias Siddarth Mayur S/o Kajappa Mayur, R/o: 261 Jai Bheem Nagar Moratagi, Vijayapura-586123, changed my name to Siddarth Mayur for all purposes.

I, **NEETHU** Singh Manjith Singh Johar, W/O. Gopi Krishnan Vasudevan, R/O. D3, Samitha Cresent, 3rd Flr, Kaggadasapura, Blr-93, have changed name to Neetu Johar vide affdvt dtd 27/07/22

I, **DIVYA** Vishwanathan, D/O. Naduvileveetil Krishnan Muraldharan, R/O. 68/4, Lekshmi Nivas, Dodsdish Lyt, Jogupalya, Ulsoor, Blr-08, have changed name to Divya Muraldharan Lekha vide affdvt dtd 27/07/22

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XXXV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JCOURT AT BANGALORE (CCH - 36)
O.S. NO. 5361/2020
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited having its Branch Office At Mytree Centre, No.4, 101, Hosur Road Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its Authorised Representative Mr. Pramodh G ...PLAINTIFF
AND
Mr. BIPIN H.D. ...DEFENDANT
Summons to the Defendant by way of Paper Publication
Mr. Bipin, H.D.
S/o. Mr. Hanumanthappa Dayananda Saraswathi
Aged about 26 years
No. 71, 3rd Main, Mathikere, SBM Colony, Bengaluru- 560054.
Also Available at :
No. 51/1, Arekoppa, Hirekasavi Post, Soraba Taluk, Shivamoga-577429.
And Also Available at :
M/s. JP Morgan Services India, Prestige Tech Park, Kadubeesanahalli Bridge, Kaverappa Layout, Bangaluru-560103. ...DEFENDANT
Whereas the ICICI Bank Ltd., has instituted a suit for recovery of money against you under Order VII, Rule 1 of CPC for **Rs. 2,07,732.37/- (Rupees Two Lakh Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Two Paise Thirty Seven Only)** together with costs, pendentelite and future interests @ 18% per annum. You are here by summoned in person or by a pleader, at the city civil court hall No.36 on 23.08.2022 at 11 a.m. to answer the claims and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defense.
Take notice in case on non-appearance on the day above mentioned, the above suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the court this 20th July 2022.
BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Assistant Registrar,
City Civil Judge, Bangalore.
Advocate For Plaintiff
J.S. Advocates and Legal Consultants, No. 56/1-1, 4th Main, 16th Cross, Opposite to Union Bank, Malleshwaram West, Bangalore- 560055.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH- 22)
O.S. NO. 26436/2021
Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered Office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate Office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its Branch Office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 067 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Manikandan ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Manikandan,
S/o Sri. Muthuswamy,
Aged about 35 years,
No.380/5P, Begur Main Road, Devarachikkanahalli Cross, Near Govt. High School, Bangalore - 560 068
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.7,43,696/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Forty Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Six Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on- **19.08.2022** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **26.07.2022.**
By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 22)
O.S. NO. 25631/2021
BETWEEN :
M/S. ICICI BANK LTD.
Having its Branch Office at 4/10, Mythree Tower Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road Bangalore 560068
And represented by its Collection Manager Mr. Pramod G ...PLAINTIFF
And
Mr. Firoz Khan ...DEFENDANT
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Firoz Khan
S/o. Mr. Noor Khan,
Age 44 years,
Flat No.401, Maryam Apartments No.369, 4th Floor, 11th Cross, Ilyas Nagar, Bengaluru- 560178
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs.6,70,621.52/-** as on 19/04/2021 along with interest 24% P.A. and other consequential relief. You are hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble City Civil Judge, Mayo hall at Bangalore** (CH-22) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 08.09.2022 at 11:00 AM, take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this **26th Day of July 2022.**
By Order of the Hon'ble Asst./ Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall Bangalore
Advocate For Plaintiff
ANVAYA LAW, ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS
First Floor, Indian Express Building No.1, Queens Road Bengaluru- 560001
Cell No. 9845806822
vasudevan.hn@anvayalaw.com

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL. ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH- 74)
O.S. NO. 25821/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered Office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate Office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its Branch Office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 067 ...Plaintiff
And
Mrs. Swathi ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mrs. Swathi,
D/o Sri. Ravichand Ran, No.401, Z Goldcrest Apartment, 2nd G Cross Road, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Near Fire Station, Bangalore – 560 043
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 6,71,853/- (Rupees Six Lakh Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Three Only)** together with interest @ 18% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on- **06.09.22** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 20.07.2022.
By Order of the Hon'ble Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- I, BENGALURU
Jeevan Mangal Building, No. 4, Residency Road, Bangaluru - 560 025.
O.A. No. 414/2021
BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Limited
Vijayapura Branch, PB No. 6, Ram Mandir Road, Vijayapura - 586 101. ...Applicant
AND
Mr. Sunil Bankol ...Defendant
SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION
To,
1, Mr. Sunil Bankol
S/o. Srimant Bankol R/a MG Housing Society, Ghevarchand Nagar, Athani Road, Vijayapura-586 101.
WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the above defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.37,00,564.37/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Five Hundred Sixty Four and Paise Thirty Seven Only)** amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.
The above mentioned defendants are required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defense to show cause on **22/12/2022** at **10.30 A.M.** as to why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this 22nd day of July 2022.
By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I Bengaluru

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL. & CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH -74)
O.S.NO. 25517/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered Office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate Office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 and its Branch Office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 067 ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Y Narasimha Reddy ...Defendants
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Y Narasimha Reddy,
No.184, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, Avalahalli, New BDA Park, Bangalore-560085
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 3,95,015/- (Rupees Three Lakh Ninety Five Thousand and Fifteen Only) together with interest @ 18% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 07.09.2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 20.07.2022.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S. A. Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL. & CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH -74)
O.S. NO. 25522/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered Office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate Office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 and its Branch Office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 067 ...Plaintiff
And
Priya Darshini V ...Defendants
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Ms. Priya Darshini V,
D/o Mr. Ramdas, No.113A-1, Shantha Residency, Green Glen Layout, Bellandur, Bangalore-560103
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.3,80,692/- (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Two Only) together with interest @ 18% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 07.09.2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 20.07.2022.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S. A. Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF ADDL SMALL CAUSE JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 20)
S.C. NO.15026/2022
BETWEEN:
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
V/S
Mr. Vinay Kumar Puri ...Defendant
Summons To Defendant
Mr. Vinay Kumar Puri
S/o. Chandra Puri, Aged About 33 Years, 18, 2nd Floor, Dhivyani Flat, Samudrika Enclave, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore- 560043.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,36,664.11/- (Rupees One Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Four and Paise Eleven Only)** apart from future interest of 21.01% p.a. in **S.C. No.15026/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **SCH 20**, Before the V Addl. Small Causes Court Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 30th Day of August, 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence. Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 27th day of July 2022.
By Order of the Court
Small Cause Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru- 560001
FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-21)
O.S. NO. 26491/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered Office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate Office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 and its Branch Office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 067 ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Amit Loyd Augustine ...Defendants
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Amit Loyd Augustine, S/o Mr. Augustine Radhael, RM No. 6, House No.14, 16th Cross, Near Ejipura Bus Stop, Ejipura, Bangalore - 560 047
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.6,49,847/- (Rupees Six Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Seven Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-21) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 25/08/2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 20/07/22.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S. A. Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

FORM NO 1-A
Summons/Notice for Service by Advertisement in Newspaper (Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE, MAYO HALL- CCH-22.
O.S. No. 25010 of 2022
Plaintiff :
M/s ICICI Bank Ltd.,
Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 068. Reptd. By its Debt Collection Manager Sri. Pramodh G. S/o Gurumallappa B.
Defendant :
Sri. Sridhara NS,
S/o. Srikantaiah
Aged about 35 years,
Residing at No. 15 E 3rd Floor, 1st Main, Soundarya Badavane, Near SBI Andrahalli, Behind SBI Bank, Bangalore- 560 091.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit/an application against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 5,83,602/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Two Only) together with future interest at 10.99%, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 24.08.2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 25.07.2022
By Order of the Hon. Court,
Dy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit Bangalore
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate,
No. 60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-051, 9902528290/ 7892117565

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL., CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH- 22)
O.S. NO. 26443/2021
Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered Office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate Office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its Branch Office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 067, Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Mrs. Zaheer ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Zaheer,
S/o Mr. Suban Saheb, Aged about 52 years, No. 397, TF 01, Syndicate Bank Layout, Herohalli, Viswaneedam, Syndicate Bank, Bangalore- 560091
Also at
Mr. Zaheer, Shahi Enterprises, No.17/11, KSRTC Layout, Herohalli, Mahdeshwara Nagar, Vishwaneedam Post, Bagnalore-560091
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.11,33,206/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Two Hundred Six Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **19.08.2022** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 26.07.2022.
By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

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> It's been clear to me for most of the year that this World Championship should be the last. It doesn't mean as much as it once did. I haven't felt that the positive outweighs the negative
>
> MAGNUS CARLSEN
> After retaining his crown in 2021

The consequences of Carlsen's abdication

The reigning World champion has decided not to defend his crown. How will this affect competitive chess?

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

Theirs is one of the most exclusive clubs in sport. So exclusive, only 16 members have been added to it in 136 years. Becoming the undisputed World chess champion is indeed among the most difficult things to achieve in sport, or in any other sphere of human endeavour. And yet, the club's most recent member, Magnus Carlsen, has chosen to abdicate his crown, which had been sitting firmly on his head since 2013.

But when he announced his decision, on a podcast recently, pieces did not jump off chessboards. Carlsen had given hints about his abdication last December; there was no motivation for him to contest another title match. He, however, had said that he would play if his opponent was Alireza Firouzja, the Iran-born prodigy who became a French citizen last year.

For Firouzja to earn the privilege of challenging Carlsen, he had to win the Candidates tournament, held at Madrid recently. But he fared badly, finishing sixth in a field of eight.

The event was won by Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi. He had won the previous edition of the Candidates too, but was decimated by Carlsen in the World title match at Dubai last year. The Norwegian won 7.5-3.5, with three games to spare.

It was after the match that Carlsen spoke of the possibility of not defending his crown. "It's been clear to me for most of the year that this World Championship should be the last," he said then. "It doesn't mean as much as it once did. I haven't felt that the positive outweighs the negative."

But not everyone believed that he would actually keep his word. After all, a World title is a World title. And he had just turned 31 at the time.

He was 22 when he won his first World title. He scored a crushing victory over Viswanathan Anand at Chennai, the five-time World champion's hometown, in 2013.

Dominant run

A year later Carlsen faced Anand yet again in the World title match at Sochi. The Indian, after winning the Candidates with a superb show when most people had written him off, put up a stronger fight but that wasn't enough to stop Carlsen.

The World No. 1 went on to defend his title in 2016 against Russia's Sergey Karjakin and then against American Fabiano Caruana in 2018. When he outwitted Nepomniachtchi, it was his fifth World title in a row – in classical chess alone (the game is also played in the rapid and blitz variations). We don't know for sure whether he will return to the World Championship, but even if he doesn't, he will remain perhaps the greatest World champion for quite some time.

"I believe Carlsen is indeed the greatest of them all, even greater than Garry Kasparov," Grandmaster Pravin Thipsay told *The Hindu* over phone. "If he were to continue playing in the World Championship, I don't see anyone threatening him for the next few years. His decision not to defend his title is understandable. His personality is different, say, from someone like Anatoly Karpov, who kept on playing for the World Championship for a long time."

Karpov became the World champion for the first time in 1975 because Bobby Fischer, the maverick American genius who turned chess into a truly global sport, refused to defend his title. Carlsen has now become the second World champion to withdraw from a title match (he was scheduled to face Nepomniachtchi next year).

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> VISWANATHAN ANAND
> Five-time World champion

After retaining his World title in 1990, Kasparov had broken away from world chess governing body FIDE and conducted rival World Championships. The Russian great won two titles when the chess world was thus split, against Nigel Short of England (1993) and Anand (1995), before being dethroned by compatriot Vladimir Kramnik (2000).

Not many expect Carlsen to do something like that. He had a discussion with the FIDE top brass about the scheduled World title match towards the end of the Candidates at Madrid. He was also given a deadline – July 20 – by FIDE to make a decision on defending his title.

"I did not have any demands or suggestions for that meeting," Carlsen said on the podcast. "They did have a couple of suggestions, but the gist of it was that I was there to tell them that I would not defend my title in the next World Championship match, and we had a small discussion. They had some suggestions, some of them I liked, some of them I did not."

Long-term issue

It is not as if Carlsen is thinking about the format of the World Championship only now. He had many years ago spoken against the World champion getting the privilege to defend the title.

Anand, who played Karpov in the 1998 title match just a couple of days after qualifying from a demanding set of knockout matches (thankfully nothing of the sort has happened since), said he could understand Carlsen's decision.

"I was also getting tired of playing matches every year or two years several times in a row," Anand told *chess.com*. "In a sense, because I lost, this problem solved itself. Magnus' problem is a little bit that he isn't losing."

Now that Carlsen has opted out, FIDE is set to conduct a World title match between Nepomniachtchi and China's Ding Liren, who finished behind him at the Candidates. Neither can claim to be the world's best chess player after winning the match, though. When players like Alexander Khalifman and Rustam Kasimdzhanov won World titles, during the sport's split (1993-2006), they were called the FIDE World champion, not the World champion.

"Surely the World title will lose some of its prestige after the abdication of Carlsen," Thipsay said. "I can understand Carlsen's concerns about the format, but I believe the system of identifying the challenger has some merit, too. It is the format that gave players from various countries and regions across the world the opportunity to compete for the World title."

He thinks Carlsen could come back to the World Championship at some point. "I won't be surprised if he chooses to play in the Candidates tournament and challenge the World champion," he said.

Grandmaster R.B. Ramesh thinks there is a possibility of FIDE coming up with changes to the World Championship's format. "The FIDE elections are coming up and there is a possibility of Anand becoming part of the administration at FIDE," he said. "Some new ideas could emerge about the conduct of the World Championship."

Possible options

With Carlsen pulling out, FIDE might consider some options. Maybe something like making the champion play before the title match? The Candidates could be expanded and the top three could join the World champion for a round of four before the title match. "I think FIDE could consider options like that," Thipsay said. "But chess needs the World title match to continue. You will find some of the greatest games played in history were played at World title matches. And the huge media attention those matches attract also helps the game greatly."

Carlsen had earlier advocated for a knockout format (which FIDE has tried in the past). But there is no denying the fact that there is drama, excitement and intensity in a World title match, like in a well-fought Test series between two strong cricket teams. Just as there is space for both the T20 World Cup and bilateral Test series, chess could also have multiple ways to test players at the highest level.

GAME THEORY

The match the fight world has been waiting for

Julianna Pena stunned Amanda Nunes with a rear-naked-choke submission to win the UFC women's bantamweight belt last year. Nunes, widely considered the greatest-ever female MMA fighter, came into that bout on a 12-match winning streak, having beaten every woman to ever hold either the featherweight or bantamweight title. On Saturday night (Sunday morning for Indian fans), Pena and Nunes will clash again for the bantamweight title at UFC 277 in Dallas. Here's how they match up:

American	Nationality	Brazilian
August 19, 1989	Born	May 30, 1988
5'7"	Height	5'8"
61.23kg	Weight	61.23kg
69"	Reach	69"
Orthodox	Stance	Orthodox
Grappler with ability to apply submission holds	Style	Versatile striker, also effective on the ground
15	Total fights	26
11	Wins	21
3	By knockout	13
5	By submission	4
3	By decision	4
4	Losses	5
1	By knockout	2
2	By submission	2
1	By decision	1
73.33	Win%	80.77
Bantam-weight champion	Honours	Featherweight champi-on, former bantamweight champion

JULIANNA PENA

AMANDA NUNES

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All about the ride

Jonas Vingegaard Rasmussen (yellow jersey) and the peloton pass through the Louvre square during the 21st and final stage of the 2022 Tour de France last Sunday.

The Dane, who rode for Team Jumbo-Visma, won his maiden title at the 109th edition of the prestigious, iconic cycling race, ahead of two-time defending champion Tadej Pogacar (UAE Team Emirates) and Geraint Thomas (Ineos Grenadiers).

It was a rather dramatic edition, with the race being affected by climate change protests as well as a 40-degree Celsius heat wave.

It also had the fewest finishers since 2000: just 135 of the 176 starters reached the finish line in Paris. Several riders, including stage winners Magnus Cort and Simon Clarke, as well as former champion Chris Froome, were forced out after being diagnosed with COVID-19.

The Tour de France, which consists of 21 stages, each a day long, over the course of 23 days, is the oldest of the Grand Tours, which include the Giro d'Italia and Vuelta a Espana.

It also has a fascinating origin story: it's perhaps the most significant outcome of a promotional campaign, arising, as it did, from a young cycling correspondent's idea back in 1903 to increase sales for the newspaper L'Auto!

African activist arrested, deported

Bosco Kaweesi has been accused of overstaying, human trafficking

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Bosco Kaweesi
• SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A prominent voice of the African national community in the city, Bosco Kaweesi, was arrested and deported to his home country Uganda, for allegedly overstaying, human trafficking, forging documents to provide documents for other African nationals to overstay, and blackmailing them, among a litany of other allegations.

Bosco Kaweesi, who came to India in 2004 as a student, had remained in the country, married a local Siddi woman in the State and turned into an activist for the cause of African nationals. He served as legal advisor to All Africa Students' Association, Bengaluru, and was president of Pan-African Federation and Students' Union, India. He had emerged as a prominent voice of the community during attacks on members of the community in the city.

Probing several complaints, the city police and the Ministry of Home Affairs arrested him on July 19, detained him at the detention centre and deported him to Uganda on July 27. The police said they had initiated proceedings to ensure there is a permanent ban imposed on Mr. Kaweesi from coming to India.

"Kaweesi had been helping several overstaying African nationals procure forged documents for money, but later was also blackmailing them. He had collected money from many foreign nationals and cheated them too," a police official said. He was himself overstaying since August 6, 2005, served a six-month jail sentence for the same in 2006 and had failed to report to the authorities ever since, investigations have now revealed.

Ironically, he had also participated in several community meetings with the city police and had emerged as one of the liaison persons for the city police to work with the community.

The police have also alleged that Kaweesi was involved in human trafficking. During a raid on his house following his arrest, they claimed to have recovered 26 passports of African nationals, of which 24 are of women and 2 men - 18 from his home country Uganda, 5 Nigerian, one each from Tanzania, Kenya and Sudan. The police said 24 passports have expired and all of them are presently untraceable. "We appeal to all the 26 individuals to report to Banaswadi Police Station and collect their passports. On our part, we are trying to track them down," said Bhimashankar Guled, DCP (East).

City Police Commissioner C.H. Pratap Reddy, addressing a press conference on Friday, advised all foreign nationals in the city to not hand over their passport and visa documents to any individual.

Case against house owner

The Banaswadi police have booked the landlord of the rented house in which Bosco Kaweesi was staying under The Foreigners Act, 1946, for not collecting and verifying his travel documents.

Mr. Reddy said as per law, landlords have to collect travel documents of foreign nationals before giving their portions on rent, failing which the city police would book cases against them.

IN BRIEF

Intermittent power supply

BENGALURU

There will be intermittent power supply on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. owing to quarterly maintenance work at 220/66/11kV Hoody Station. According to a press release from BESCOM, East Circle, the affected areas are: ITPL Main Road, Rajapalya, Hoody Village, Tigalara Palya, Seetharamapalya, Basavanagara, Sonnenahalli, Hemkund Road, Graphite India Road, Kaverinagar, part of Devasandra Industrial Area, NGEF Industrial Area, ESI Road, Garudachar Palya, RHB Colony, Singayana Palya, Dooravani Cable Road, Railway Track Road, Graphite India Road, Shetty Layout, Munikadrappa Layout and surrounding areas.

POCSO case: Police constable arrested for raping minor girl

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A police constable from the 2021 batch, who is still on probation, has been arrested for allegedly raping a 17-year-old girl minor girl in the city. The arrested constable Pavan Dyavannanavar, 25, from Belagavi, was attached to Govindapura Police Station.

According to the police, a 17-year-old girl had eloped from her house to meet a boy she had befriended on social media. As she was standing by the street-side late at night, Pavan, on his way back to his room in the area, found her and assured her of help, but said since it was very late, they could go to his room for the night and the next morning he would help her board a bus. He allegedly then raped her and the next morning, gave her ₹500 and dropped her at a bus stand.

The girl reached a neighbouring district and met with the boy at his house. However, the boy's father met the girl and realising she was a minor, took her to the local police station and reported that the girl had landed up at their house. By then, the girl's parents had lodged a kidnap and rape case against the boy in K.P. Agrahara Police Station. Once the police from the neighbouring district reported the girl being brought to the police by the boy's father, the K.P. Agrahara police brought her back to the city and during her questioning, she revealed the sexual abuse and rape by the constable the night before she left the city.

Based on her statement, the police identified the constable and arrested him under POCSO Act, 2012.

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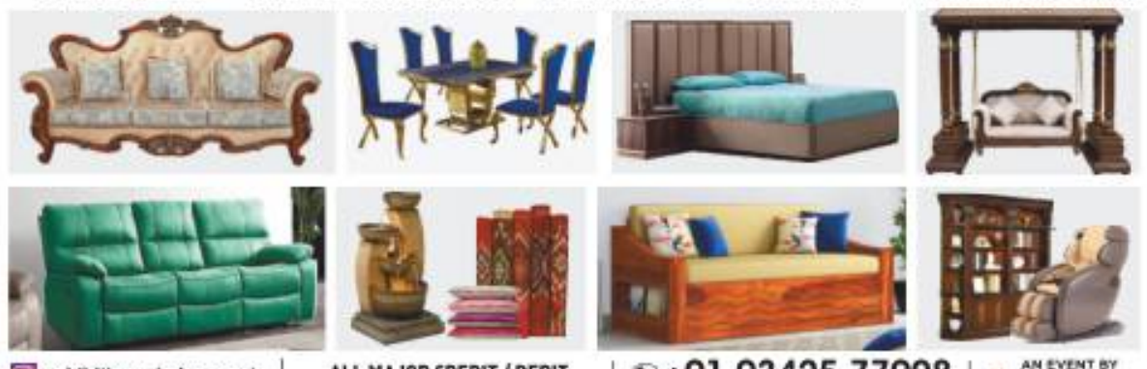
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Infosys likely to start work in Hubballi on Monday

But no official communication on this from company yet

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

The possibility of Infosys starting operations on its Hubballi campus on August 1 has created a mood of joy among the public, particularly all those who were part of the Start Infosys Hubballi campaign and also those who extended support to it. However, there has been no official communication from the company on this and also from the IT and BT Department.

Sources in the IT and BT Department confirmed that they have not received any official communication in this connection. However, convenors of Start Infosys Hubballi campaign Santosh Naragund, Sham Naragund, Uday Pendse, Vijay Sai, Nachiket Jamadar and others said that they had learnt from reliable sources within the company that there is an official communication to the employees about making the Hubballi campus functional on August 1.

After Infosys announced its operations in six places outside the State, including Indore and Nagpur, on June 22, professionals from North Karnataka came together to form a group seeking commencement of Infosys operations in Hubballi.

Infosys procured 50 acres land from State government for establishment of IT SEZ (Special Economic Zone) in Hubballi in 2012 and subsequently, in in 2018, it completed setting up a full-fledged branch which could accommodate around 1,500 employees. However, even after having set up its office here, it did not begin its operations causing disappointment among general public, particularly IT professionals and students from the region.

10,000 postcards campaign

Despite the Beyond Bengaluru policy of the State government, the Infosys campus in Hubballi remained non-operational which forced like-minded people to launch a campaign, including a 10,000 postcards campaign. It received support from various quarters, including Hubballi-Dharwad Mayor, Karnatak Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), institutional heads and hundreds of students.

International Tiger Day

Students participating in the 'Save the Tiger' campaign on the occasion of International Tiger Day at New Pratham Public School, K.R. Puram, in Bengaluru on Friday. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

White tigress dies at Bannerghatta park

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A 6 year-old white tigress, Vanya, died in the early hours on Friday at Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP).

According to a release from BBP, the tigress born to Surya and Subhadra, was suffering from a protozoa infection and died of multiple organ failure. She was found ill during April this year and tested positive for blood parasites but negative for all common feline viral infections.

A Health Advisory Committee meeting was called and expert opinion sought from HAC members, Prof. Upendra, Prof. Vasanth Shetty, Prof. Ansar Kamran and Asst. Prof. Jaya Lakkundi. The visceral samples have been sent to IAH and VB Lab for further examination.

Bandipur lantana removal begins

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

The Forest Department has launched a programme to remove lantana camara - an non-edible weed that has proliferated all over Bandipur - under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) programme, on Friday.

This was part of the International Tiger Day celebrated jointly in association with the Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysuru. The programme was held in Bandipur Tiger Reserve and the authorities plan to clear 1,000 hectares and the local community on the forest fringes will be provided jobs under the MGNREGA.

Ramesh Kumar, Director, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, said proliferation of lantana was a major challenge before the park authorities not only in Bandipur but in other tiger reserves and wildlife sanctuaries too. Though various methods have been used to control the proliferation of the weed, it has not yielded much success and hence it will be uprooted under MGNREGA scheme, he said.

Proliferation of lantana not only suppresses other edible plants leading to scarcity of fodder but it could also have a negative bearing on the herbivore population and thus directly affect the tiger and leopard population in the national park.

A cycle rally was flagged off from Bandipur to mark International Tiger Day, on Friday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

On the occasion of the International Tiger Day, the authorities also felicitated the field staff as the summer of 2022 did not see any fire incident. Mr. Ramesh Kumar said the field staff worked hard to prevent the outbreak of any fire and also took up other eco development works in recognition of which they were felicitated.

Jagatram, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (APCCF), said there was a steady rise in the tiger population in Bandipur since 2006 and the 2022 tiger estimation exercise had concluded, while expressing confidence that Karnataka could emerge as the number one state in terms of tiger population with Bandipur harabouring the highest number of tigers among tiger reserves.

The park authorities also intend to highlight the various development activities and works being taken up in and around the tiger reserve and hence a quarterly new letter was also released.

In a bid to create greater awareness on tigers and the imperatives of their conservation, a cycle rally was flagged off from Melkamanahalli checkpost. Gundlupet MLA Niranjan Kumar, .Malathi Priya, Chief Conservator of Forests, Mysuru, Charulatha Somal, Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar and others were present.

Govt. staff told to hoist tricolour on their residential buildings

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma has told all State government officials to hoist the national tricolour on their residential buildings under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' programme for three days from August 13 to mark the 75th Independence Day celebrations.

Ms. Sharma chaired a meeting with senior officials on Friday and told officials to hoist the national flag on their residential buildings for three days. She told the employees to take selfies standing in front of the national flag and upload them on https://harghartiranga.com and express their patriotism. "The Indian national flag is a symbol of national pride for the entire nation. The programme envisages inspiring Indians everywhere to hoist the national flag at their home," she said.

Panel discussion to be held today

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

All India Students Association, Karnataka, will hold a panel discussion on Saturday, on 'What will our children learn? Decoding the NEP position papers.'

The event will be held at the Alumni Association Hall, UVCE, K.R. Circle, from 5 p.m.

Mandolin concert in city

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Shree Sharada Samskrutika Sangha and SBI Officers Colony Residents' Welfare Association are holding a mandolin concert on Saturday by Uppalapu Srinivas from Vishakapattanam at SBI Officers Colony Staff Club,Ganapathi Seva Trust, Basaveshwaranagar from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

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All that piece and parcel of the **residential immovable property** being a **vacant Site bearing No.2162, (carved in Survey No.63/3 Jakkur Village)** situated at Arkavathi Layout, 7th Block, Jakkur, Bangalore, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of the Bangalore Development Authority and the site measuring:

East to West : 24 Meters
North to South : 15 Meters
Total Area : 360 Square Meters
and bounded as follows:
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North by : Site No.2163
South by : Site No.2161

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BANGALORE DATE: 29.07.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that, we are instructed by our client **Mr. S. Banuprakash,** S/o. M. R. Sathyanarayana who is the absolute owner of Schedule Property morefully described herein below to investigate the title of the Schedule Property and he represents that his father M.R. Satyanarayana has misplaced/lost the previous title deeds and other original documents standing in the name of its erstwhile owner C. Nagaraja S/o. M. Muddanna, which are as follows:

a. Original registered Sale Deed dated:05.08.1977, Document No. 1047/1977-78 of Book-1, Volume-349 at pages 158-160, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru executed by Bangalore Development Authority in favour of C. Nagaraja S/o. M. Muddanna.

b. Original registered Sale Deed dated: 22.02.1978, Document No. 2883/1977-78 of Book-1, Volume-365 at pages 201-205, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru executed by C. Nagaraja S/o. M. Muddanna in favour of M.R. Satyanarayana.

c. Original Possession Certificate vide., MEMO No. P.R. No. 85/57-58, dated: 30.07.1957 issued by Bangalore Development Authority in favour of C. Nagaraja S/o. M. Muddanna.

d. Original Agreement dated: 21.05.1952, Document No. 649/1952-53, Volume-1201, pages 121-124, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore executed by Bangalore Development Authority in favour of C. Nagaraja S/o. M. Muddanna.

e. Original payment receipts issued by the Bangalore Development Authority.

Further, that he has reported the same to the Bangalore City Police vide., Lost Article Report No. 0279603, dated: 28.07.2022, and also sworn to an Affidavit dated: 28.07.2022 vide., E-Stamp dated: 27/07/2022 No. IN-KA87728769478568U stating that neither his father late. M. R. Satyanarayana nor he have created any Third-Party rights on the basis of the above said lost original documents, as such, the public at large are hereby advised to be cautious about person/s claiming any right/interest under the guise of the above said original documents.

The public are hereby given notice that any person/s or any incorporated body having found the above said Original Documents to return the same to the undersigned forthwith or if any person/s or any incorporated body claiming any right, title or interest of any nature or having any lien, charge or enforceable right in respect of the schedule property may put forth their claims in writing with the undersigned together with supporting documents within 15 days from this date, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claim/s or objection/s subsist and the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential house bearing No. 193, New Municipal No. 2 (Old No. 145/193), situated at 24th B Cross, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011, measuring EAST TO WEST: 80 feet and NORTH TO SOUTH: 120 feet, in all admeasuring 9600 Square feet and bounded on: **EAST BY:** Site No. 194; **WEST BY :** site No. 192; **NORTH BY :** Site No. 176; and **SOUTH BY :** 24th B Cross Road.

Sd/- D. LAKSHMAN, Advocate
DLAW ASSOCIATES
U-203, 2nd Floor, No 87, "Shreshta Bumi", K. R. Road, Bangalore-04.
Mob: 99001 76271, 98457 12345.

Place: BANGALORE
Date : 30-07-2022

Government of Karnataka
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, Mandya Division, Mandya
ID : eepwdmandya@gmail.com / eemnd@kpwd.gov.in

No. E.E. PWD.Mandya, Dn./AE-1/2/3/2022-2023/ **dated 28-07-2022**

Subject : Postponement-1 of Tender Notification. Reference : This Office Tender Notification No. 02/2022- 2023 dated : 30-06-2022

With reference to the above Notification No. 02/2022-2023 dated : 30-06-2022 out of 42 works Sl.Nos. (1), (3), (6) and (38) has been published in E-portal. Due to the Technical Issues, remaining Sl.Nos. (2), (4), (9), (13) to (21), (23), (25) to (29), (33), (37), (39), (41) and (42) Totally 23 works has been postponed for which Documents may be downloaded through e-portal from 08-08-2022, **Pre-bid Meeting only (for KW-4 Works only) will be held on 16-08-2022 at 11.00 am in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Mandya,** Last date of Submission of Tender on 19-08-2022 at 4.30 pm, and opening of Technical Bid on 20-08-2022 at 5.00 pm onwards, Financial Bid opened on 22-08-2022 at 11.00 am onwards. Further for Remaining works Sl.Nos. (5), (7), (8), (10) to (12), (22), (24), (30) to (32), (34) to (36) and (40) Totally for these 15 works has been postponed indefinitely. For these 15 works dates will be published later.

Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only in e-procurement portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. Mandya Division, Mandya

Governmemt of Karnataka
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Udupi
" Rajathadri", B Block, 1st Floor, Room No B-208, Manipal, Udupi
NO.EE/RWSSDU/Tender No.16/2022-23/ AE-2/579 Dated:29.07.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION.

Tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of Governor of Karnataka in "TWO COVER SYSTEM" through Government of Karnataka e-procurement portal WEB site https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for 03 no. of works costing from **Rs. 65.00 Lakhs** to **Rs. 157.00 Lakhs** sanctioned under JJM. The contractors who meets the requirement of Standard Tender Documents **KW-3 & KW-4** are eligible to apply for this tender. (The tenders submitted by the Contractors are already executing the JJM works and failed to complete the work within stipulated period shall not be considered.)

Calender Of Events: (1) The Contractor can download the Tender document from: **29.07.2022.** (2) Last Date for Submission of tenders: **06.08.2022** Up to **04.00 PM.** (3) Opening of Technical Bid for the Tenders: **08.08.2022 After 04.30 PM.** (4) Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender: **10.08.2022 After 11.00 AM.** The blank tender documents can be viewed or downloaded from E-proc portal, Details of work/eligibility of contractor/Tender processing fees/dates of events etc. can be had from website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Further information can be had from the undersigned during office hours. Right of acceptance of tender is reserved. **E-proc portal helpdesk: 080-22371090/22373788 Hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**

DIPR/SAD/JJM/CA/294/22-23 Dt: 28.07.22

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Udupi

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RDW&S DEPARTMENT
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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 09/2022-23, Dated : 26-07-2022

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept, Chamarajanagara Division, **Chamarajanagar** Invites from eligible General/SC/ST Category Contractors (Category of Contractors will be as per E-procurement Portal) for the execution of **Providing FHTCs to Households in Habitations of Hanur Taluk Through Providing Drinking Water Supply to 193 Habitations of Hanur Assembly Constituency in Hanuru Taluk in Chamarajanagara District Phase-II under DBOT. And by Retrofitting of Providing Drinking Water Supply to 291 Habitation in Hanur Taluk, Chamarajanagar District under DBOT.** The eligible Class-IV & Above for SC / ST Category Civil Contractors and Class-II & Above for General Category Contractor (Note: Category of Contractor to be procured in the bid document) are required to submit through E-Procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The Notification includes **17** Packages/Works of Estimated Cost varying from **Rs.5.30 Lakhs** to **Rs.480.00 Lakhs.** Tenders are invited through E-procurement Portal only.

1	Date & Time of Publication of Tender	28.07.2022 Onwards
2	Last date of Submission of bids	08.08.2022 @ 17:00 hrs
3	Pre Bid meeting to be held on	01.08.2022 at 11:00 hrs Venue : Office of Executive Engineer, RDW&SD Division, Chamarajanagara-571313 or through Email : eerdwsd.chn@gmail.com
4	Date & Time of opening of Technical Bids	10.08.2022 @ 11:00 hrs
5	Date & Time of opening of Financial Bids	After Successful Technical Bid Evaluation

DIPR : CHANAGAR:218:2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW & S Department, Chamarajanagara Division, Chamarajanagara

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:SEE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-2/F-114/22-23/Cys-36 & Cys-37 Date: 29.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL Invites E-Tenders in the prescribed form from Super Grade Licensed Electrical Contractor for the following works.

1. Bid Enquiry No.:KPTCL/SEE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-2/22-23/23/Dtd:21.07.2022 Tender for dismantling, Transportation (To & Fro), Repairs to faulty 20MVA, NGEF make 66/11kV Class, Sl.No.2800060082 Power Transformer failed at 66/11kV Chitradurga Sub-Station **on Total Turn Key Basis.**

2. Bid Enquiry No.:KPTCL/SEE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-2/22-23/22/Dtd:19.07.2022 Tender for Providing 09Nos of Intermediate Towers on 220kV Hiriyuru-Madhugiri (Gowribidanur) line between Loc No.330 to 399 (in between Loc No.330-331, 346-347, 347-348, 359-360, 360-361, 361-362, 366-367, 373-374, and 398-399) in TLM Sub Division Davanagere limits **on Total Turnkey Basis** for Supply of Materials, Erection and Civil Portion.

Tenders will be accepted through **e-Procurement** Mode only. For further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **30.07.2022 .**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.)
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL,
Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere.

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BENGALURU

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Bengaluru Today
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Bengaluru Tomorrow
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No 10% Economically Weaker Sections quota this year too

The State Cabinet resolved to implement EWS quota in education and employment in July 2021, but the govt. is yet to frame rules

JAYANTH R.
BENGALURU

Thousands of students from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in the State have been losing out on the benefits of the 10% reservation in education and employment over the last four years, since the State government is yet to frame rules and implement the EWS quota.

With the CET results being announced on Saturday, and NEET results expected shortly, the State government not notifying rules yet means that this year too, the quota will not be implemented. The EWS quota was introduced by the Narendra Modi-led BJP government and opposed by the political opposition.

Number of seats

There are 64,484 engineering seats in the State, of which nearly 6,400 would have been available for students in EWS category students if the quota is implemented. The State has 63 medical colleges - 10,145 undergraduate seats and 4,000 post graduate seats, of which 1,014 UG seats and 400 PG seats would have been available for EWS category.

The State Cabinet resolved to implement EWS quota in education and employment in July 2021.

A year later, with no implementation of the Cabinet decision, this academic year too, students are unlikely to get its benefits.

The Union government, on January 31, 2019, issued an order to provide 10% EWS quota for communities not covered under the reservation scheme of SCs, STs and OBCs with a gross family income of ₹8 lakh per annum. Following this, the State Government, then led by H.D. Kumaraswamy, on May 14, 2019, issued an order to implement EWS quota for five communities - Brahmin, Aryavyshya, Jain, Nayar and Mudaliars - along with 139 OBC communities in the State list. This was amended by the B.S. Yediyurappa-led BJP government on July 23, 2021, excluding the OBC communities from availing EWS quota benefits.

No directions to KEA

The State government is yet to give any directions to Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA), which is all set to kickstart counselling for admission to professional courses, to earmark seats for EWS quota this academic year.

S. Ramya, Executive Director, KEA, said the authority had not received any directions from the State government on EWS quota and the CET counselling for 2022-23 doesn't include the same.

The State government has not included the EWS quota in the seat matrix submitted to National Testing Agency (NTA) that holds the NEET and allots seats for medical seats either.

B.L. Sujatha Rathod, Director, Directorate of Medical Education, also said since there was no direction from the State government on EWS quota, they had not included it in the seat matrix proposed to the NTA for 2022-23.

Recommendation against consumption of eggs questioned

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

The Institution of Veterinarians of Poultry Industry (IVPI) and Karnataka Poultry Farmers and Breeders' Association (KPFBA) have questioned the recommendation of a National Education Policy (NEP) panellist from Karnataka against consumption of eggs.

Dismissing the recommendation of K. John Vijay Sagar, professor and Head, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, that "eating eggs had ill-effects and can lead to lifestyle disorder", the IVPI and KPFBA in a statement on Friday said the "recommendation is not based on any scientific evidence".

President of IVPI G. Devegowda, who is also an Emeritus Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, said consumption of eggs on the contrary had many benefits. "Eggs are nutritional powerhouse that contribute to health and well-being at every age and life stage, providing critical nutrients including protein, choline, riboflavin (vitamin B2), vitamin B12, biotin (B7), pantothenic acid (B5), iodine and selenium, which are valuable for supporting muscle and bone health, brain development and more".

Experts say that eggs are a nutritional powerhouse that contribute to health and well-being at every age. • FILE PHOTO

"As consumption of eggs has several benefits, the apex government think tank of the country, NITI Aayog is working on a proposal aimed at improving India's low nutrition ranking and centered on the idea that the government subsidises protein-rich food including eggs, fish, chicken, and meat possibly through its system, he said while arguing against the recommendation made by the panellist to the NEP.

Pointing out that the veterinarian community, many of whom are doing pioneering research work in the field of poultry sciences, disapproved of these recommendations, Dr. Devegowda urged the government to take strict action against such "motivated statements".

Referring to reports that 68% of Indian population were protein-deficient, Dr. Devegowda said protein deficiency starts at a very young age and children and adults with protein deficiency succumb to infections more easily. "Every meal should have adequate amount of proteins, vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients," he said.

Endorsing Dr. Devegowda, president of KPFBA B. Sushanth Rai said chicken, eggs, and fish are eaten the world over as an excellent low-calorie and low-fat source of high-quality protein that provides important nutrients throughout one's life. He said that the "unscientific" reports appearing in the media had led to a drop in chicken and egg consumption, affecting small and marginal farmers.

Appointing teachers through outsourced agencies not good for students, says HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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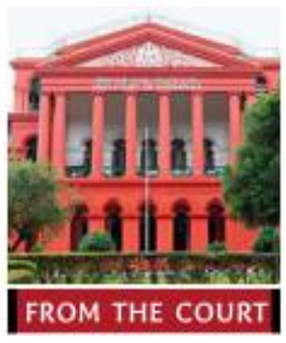


The High Court of Karnataka has suggested that the State government should not resort to contract system through outsourced agencies by a process of inviting tender to appoint school teachers but endeavour to continue its effort of recruitment of teachers in terms of the cadre and recruitment rules.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while disposing of the petitions filed by hundreds of teachers, who are working in various residential schools run by the State government, seeking regularisation of their services. Though the court did not find merit in the petitions filed by Ashwiniraj R. and others for regularisation of jobs, it expressed concern about the practice of appointing teachers in residential schools through outsource agencies by calling tenders by the Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, which is created by the government.

Mushrooming agencies

The HC pointed out that the outsource agencies have mushroomed into mountainous proportions in the last 10 to 15 years because of the policy of the State to get appointments made through outsource agencies.

However, making it clear that the court would not pronounce upon permissibility or otherwise of appointments made through the outsource agencies as it is in the realm of policy, Justice Nagaprasanna said that appointing teachers through outsource agency by way of tender is a cause for concern as it relates to interest of students and their education.

"If a teacher from out of his monthly salary has to pay, month on month, a portion of his salary to the outsourced agency, under the head of service charges, there cannot be any better exploitation of human labour by the State, by encouraging appointments of teachers through outsourced agencies," the court observed while noticing the proforma of salary calculation for the teachers appointed through outsourced agencies during 2011-12. The salary calculation chart, which included contributions and deduction, has a column for deducting monthly service charges from the salary payable to the outsourced teaching staff.

"In the life of a student, a teacher plays a very important role. A teacher is a dynamic force; the lamp of knowledge; a harbinger who would mould, hone and chisel the life and living of a child," the court observed while pointing out that "it is for this reason a teacher would need security of tenure and not suffer vagrancies with regard to their work or wages, as they need to be dynamic, resurrect themselves to adopt to the changing teaching skills."

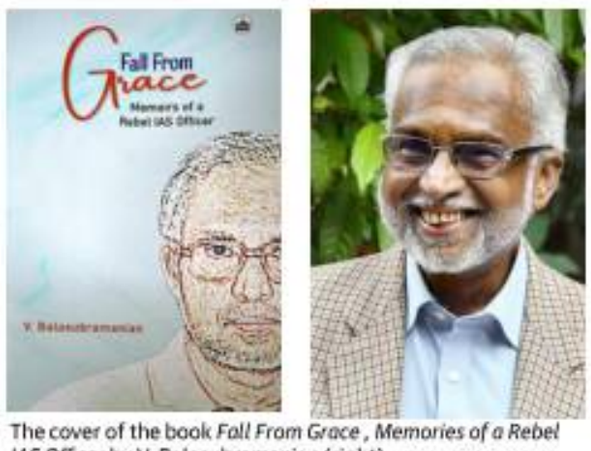
Ex-IAS officer's book chronicles corruption at high places

V. Balasubramanian worked under different CMs in a career spanning 36 years

NAGESH PRABHU
BENGALURU

A book by former civil servant V. Balasubramanian, who served during the tenure of different Chief Ministers of Karnataka, seeks to expose corruption in different governments and chronicles the fall in credibility in all branches of the government and the media.

The author of *Fall From Grace: Memoir of a Rebel IAS Officer,* retired as an additional chief secretary after spending over 35 years of service in Karnataka and at the Centre.



The cover of the book *Fall From Grace , Memories of a Rebel IAS Officer* by V. Balasubramanian (right). • BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

- The author calls himself a 'Rebel IAS Officer' and in the work brings out a ring-side view of many administrative decisions taken during different Chief Ministers and chief secretaries of the State.

Accepted norm

Mr Balasubramanian, who joined service in 1965, narrates how corruption at high places - both in politics and in judiciary - has become the accepted norm which does not attract social ostracism. He records instances of "fall from grace" of political leadership and bureaucracy in the last five decades.

In the 407-page book, he narrates his experience of working under different CMs such as Veerendra Patil, Devaraj Urs, Gundu Rao and Ramakrishna Heggade.

"While all the CMs in Karnataka had been dependent upon Excise and PWD contractors in varying degrees to fund elections, including Devaraj Urs, Veerendra Patil, and Ramakrishna Heggade, they had nevertheless given comparatively clean administration," he notes.

The author terms ex-Chief Minister S. Bangarappa's period as the "the golden age of corruption in Karnataka" and states that his "innovation was democratic decentralization of corruption in which every department was given a target" and that some IAS officers "treated it as an honour to be chosen to strengthen the hands of the CM."

The author calls himself a 'Rebel IAS Officer' and in the work brings out a ring-side view of many administrative decisions taken during different CMs and chief secretaries of the State. The author says Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda was "quite affectionate towards officers" and more "humane than even Supreme Court judges" while dealing with the officers when he was CM.

Political incorrectness

Talking of ex-Chief Minister J.H. Patel, Mr. Balasubramanian explains his "knack" for saying politically incorrect things. When women staged a protest during the Miss World contest in Bengaluru, Mr. Patel had infamously said, "Only ugly ones are protesting. All the pretty ones are telling me they support the beauty contest."

The book explored the shortcomings in the S.M. Krishna government and the author says that "the misrule of SMK for five years resulted in the BJP emerging as the largest party in the Assembly elections in 2004."

Retired in 2001, Mr. Balasubramanian served as the Chairman of Task Force for Prevention of Land Grabbing in Karnataka and exposed encroachment of lands by people in high offices. When the government refused to print his report "Greed and Connivance", he published and distributed it at his own cost. Before bidding adieu to public service in 2013, the author was hauled up by the Privileges Committee of the Karnataka Legislature for contempt. But it was dropped owing to media criticism.

The book published by Delhi-based Authors Press will be released on July 30 by Karnataka High Court's former judge Nagamohan Das at IAS Auditorium, Infantry Road, Bengaluru.

Shorter and long tenures

In Chapter 18 of the book, the author points out that after 1956, the State had 20 CMs in 64 years with an average tenure of three years. The average tenure of 18 CMs was just 30 months. This was in contrast to Tamil Nadu which from 1956 to 2020 had just seven CMs, an average of nine years each.

61 industrial projects worth ₹3,829.46 crore cleared

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State Industries Department on Friday approved 61 industrial projects worth ₹3,829.46 crore that would generate job opportunities for over 19,510 people.

At a meeting held at the Karnataka Udyog Mitra office, approval was given to investment proposals of many companies including Toyota Kirloskar and Micron Technology. Minister for Large and Medium Scale Industries Murugesh R. Nirani cleared the projects.

Over ₹50 crore

A committee has approved 13 important large and medium-size industrial projects with investments of more than ₹50 crore. These projects worth ₹2,979.35 are expected to create employment opportunities for 16,158 people.

Between ₹15 crore and ₹50 crore

It approved 42 new projects with investments of more than ₹15 crore and less than ₹50 crore. These projects worth ₹774.51 crore would generate jobs for 3,352 people.

Six projects of additional investment have been approved. This will result in an investment of ₹75.6 crore.

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Lack of medicines hits dialysis patients at govt. centres hard

'Penalty for service provider if medicines, consumables are not provided adequately'

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Nityananda Sagar, a 57-year-old resident of Linganapura in Chamarajanagar taluk, who gets dialysis done at the State-run centre in T. Narasipura Government Hospital, had a harrowing time on Tuesday. With his last dialysis done on Friday, he badly needed the scheduled dialysis in the first slot at 6 a.m. on Tuesday. However, on arrival he was asked to buy certain essential dialysis medicines from outside as the centre did not have stocks. With no medical store open at that hour, he developed breathing difficulty due to fluid accumulation.

"No medical store is open at 6 a.m. Somehow, the staff at the dialysis centre managed with nebulisation till 7.30 a.m. by the time the medical store opened. As I had only ₹50 with me, I bought the medicine on credit and underwent the dialysis," the patient said.

This is not a lone case. Several patients that *The Hindu* spoke to at various government-run centres in the State said that they were not receiving quality dialysis. "We are asked to buy heparin (used to prevent blood from clotting in the dialysis lines) and saline solution for the dialyser (the agent that is used to cleanse the blood of the patient) as the centres do not have adequate stocks. We are poor patients who barely manage with the bus fare to reach the centres. How can we afford medicines?," asked Shivananjaiah, a 65-year-old patient at the Ramanagaram district hospital centre.

A dialysis centre in a hospital in Bengaluru . • FILE PHOTO

Sujatha, a physically challenged 39-year-old patient at the Hosadurga Taluk Hospital dialysis centre, also had a similar tale to tell. "We are also being asked to buy the expensive Erythropoietin and iron-sucrose injections," she said.

Over 4,000 renal patients have been undergoing dialysis in 169 government-run centres across the State since March 2017 when the dialysis scheme was awarded to BRS Health & Research Institute to manage. In July 2021, when this service provider intimated the State Government that it would no longer be able to continue with the services, the scheme was managed by the Health Department under National Health Mission (NHM) from August 2021 till January 10, 2022. Subsequently, the contract of the scheme was then awarded to Kolkata-based ESKAG Sanjeevini Pvt. Ltd. Although the company's contract ended in March, the State is yet to float new tenders.

Helpless

Staff at dialysis centres said they were helpless as the service provider (ESKAG Sanjeevini) has not been providing adequate stocks of the essential medicines and consumables. "We need at least two litres of saline solution for the dialysis of each person as we also need to clean the dialyser and bloodline for reuse. But the service provider has given us directions to use just one litre for every patient. If the cleaning is not done properly, it can cause infections. Moreover, they want us to reuse the (single-use) bloodline ten times," said a staff member managing a centre in Mysuru district.

"The service provider has also told us to administer the injections – Erythropoietin and iron-sucrose – only to those whose haemoglobin level falls below 8 grams per deciliter (g/dl). As all dialysis patients need these injections, they question us if we give it only to some. We have to face the wrath of patients for no fault of ours," said another staffer from a centre in Yadgir.

Show-cause notice

Mysuru District Health Officer (DHO) Prasad K.H. said Tuesday's incident at T. Narasipura had come to his notice. "We will issue a show-cause notice to the service provider," he said.

State Health Commissioner Randeep D. said penalty will be slapped on the service provider if the consumables and medicines are not provided in adequate quantity. "They are supposed to provide all consumables and medicines. Single-use consumables cannot be reused. We will issue a show-cause notice to the service provider and ensure compliance in future," he said. On the new tenders, the Commissioner said the new request for Proposal (RFP) is ready. "We are awaiting the government's nod to float tenders for running the scheme," he added.

Tourism fair

Stalls and props set up at the Tourism Fair organised by India International Travel Mart at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Friday.. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

Senior journalist M.S. Prakash no more

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Senior journalist M.S. Prakash, who was with United News of India news agency, passed away in the city on Friday.

He was 67. Prakash leaves behind wife and a daughter.

According to his family members, he was admitted to M.S. Ramaiah Hospital in Bengaluru two days ago. He succumbed to brain haemorrhage.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AE/F-98(7)/22-23/4278-79 Date:28.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Mode only)

KPTCL invites bid against Enquiry No: **KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AE/21-22/EPR-30/CALL-6 Dtd: 08.02.2022** for **"Replacing and providing intermediate towers to existing towers of 66kV EHT lines at 3 hazardous locations pertaining to TLM Sub-division, KPTCL, Rajajinagar in TL&SS Division, SRS Peenya- Package-4"** coming under jurisdiction of BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru.

The detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to KPTCL wesite **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **'e-procurement-kptcl'** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 30.07.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl),
Transmission(M), BMAZ North Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru - 560 009, Ph: 080-22386686/85.

Rail Wheel Plant/Bela
(Distt. - Saran), Bihar 841221

E- Open Tender Notice No.:-S/RWP/E/17/2022-23, Dated : 25.07.2022

Principal Chief Materials Manager/Rail Wheel Plant, Bela for and on behalf of the **President of India** invites **online "e-Open Tender"**, through Indian Railways E-Procurement Website **www.ireps.gov.in** for supply of following Stores item at RWP/Bela. The closing time of all tenders is 14:00 hrs. **SN.-1. Tender No.:** 02225084, **Short Description of item** : SINUMERIK PCU/BEDIENTAFELFRONT, **Quantity** : 6 NOS., **Date of Tender Closing/Opening : 23.08.2022 at 14:00 Hrs. 1.** Website address, on which full tender details can be seen and downloaded from, is **www.ireps.gov.in. 2.**The prospective firms/ bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with the above website for updates including **Addendum/ Corrigendum/ Cancellation** with respect to the above tender. However, this information will also be invariably published in the all concerned newspapers.

PCMM/RWP/Bela
RWP/CPRO/Advt/2022-23/46

CONTINUATION OF SPECIAL TRAIN BETWEEN DIBRUGARH- SMVT BENGALURU-DIBRUGARH

To clear extra rush of passenger, it has been decided to continue the running of **Weekly Special Train No. 02986/02987 between Dibrugarh-SMVT Bengaluru-Dibrugarh** as per details given below:

Train No. 02986 From Dibrugarh from 02-08-2022 to 25-10-2022 = 13 trips (Tuesday)

Train No. 02987 From SMVT Bengaluru from 05-08-2022 to 28-10-2022 = 13 trips (Friday)

ARR.	DEP.	STATION	ARR.	DEP.
---	07.30	Dibrugarh	23.30	---
20.15	---	SMVT Bengaluru	---	10.15

General Manager (Operations)
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

DOCUMENT LOST

I, Mr.K.Manjunath S/o Krishna Reddy R/a Roopena Agrahara, Begur Hobli, Bangalore – 68 have lost/misplaced my Original Sale Deed Bearing No. BNG(U)-BLR(S)/7040/2002-2003 while traveling towards Sarjapur Road, Bangalore. If anybody found Kindly Contact Manjunath Mob: 9886792918. A police complaint also has been given in this regard vide PO 2141220600014 Dated 11.01.2022 and sworn before Advocate and Notary K.V.Manion 10.01.2022.

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.
Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001.
Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 98461-22185)

Tender Enquiry No. 261/SS-II(D)	Dated: 29.07.2022

SE/Sub-Station(Design)/TS Organization, C-1 Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of **280 nos. 66kV SF_6 Circuit Breakers.** For detailed NIT & Tender Specification, please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 01.08.2022 (09:00AM onwards).
Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.
C 294/22 76155/12/1022/2021/16041

TNPL TAMILNADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED
Kagithapuram - 639 136. KARUR Dist. Tamil Nadu
Ph. : 04324 - 277001 (10 Lines).

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Nature of Work	Due Date
222313 002472	Providing Manpower Asst. for Maintenance of Lawns & Greenery at TNPL Unit - I for the year 2022-23	16.08.2022
222313 002588	Dismantling, loading, transportation and unloading of all equipments & miscellaneous items from TNPL A. Chittur Offsite to TNPL Kachirayapalayam Offsite	17.08.2022
222313 002589	Dismantling, loading, transportation and unloading of all equipments & miscellaneous items from TNPL Thirumandangudi Offsite to TNPL Mohanur & TNPL Modakurichi Offsites	17.08.2022
222313 002590	Providing front end loader for wet pith handling	17.08.2022
222313 002497	Transportation of Wet Ground Calcium Carbonate (WGCC) / Wet Precipitated Calcium Carbonate (WPCC) from M/s. OMYA India Pvt Ltd at Kagithapuram, Karur District to TNPL Unit - I at Kagithapuram, Karur District and TNPL Unit - II, Mondipatti though trucks with stainless steel tankers.	12.08.2022
E-Mail	222313002472 - purchase.cont@tnpl.co.in 222313002588; 2589 & 2590 - tech_services@tnpl.co.in 222313002497 - purchase.trans@tnpl.co.in	

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website only. Detailed Terms & conditions, Quantity, Tender fee, EMD are available in tender document at our websites: www.tnpl.com / www.tenders.tn.gov.in
DIPR/3581/Tender/2022 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*
"Corrigendum as duly published in Dinamalar, Dinakaran and Dinamani."

RANCHI REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, RANCHI
(Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt. of Jharkhand)
"Pragati Sadan", Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi – 834001
Email :secrrda1967@gmail.com

Ref : RRDA/EE/04/2022-23/1048 **Dated : 29/07/2022**

e-Procurement Notice

1. Name of Tender Inviting Officer : Executive Engineer, RRDA, Ranchi
2. Date of Publication of Tender on Website : 08/08/2022
3. Date/Time for receipt of online bids : 08/08/2022 to 29/08/2022 upto 5:00 PM
4. Last Date/Time for receipt of EMD (Hard Copy) : 30/08/2022 upto 3:00 PM
5. Date/Time of Opening Bid : 01/09/2022 at 12:30 PM

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate Value of Work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	Construction of Modern Crematorium for R.R.D.A., Ranchi at adjoining NH33 Jumar River, Booty, Ranchi, Jharkhand	6,60,69,431.00/-	6,61,000/-	10,000/-	360 Days

Further Details can be seen on Website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
RRDA, Ranchi

PR 274814 Ranchi Regional Development Authority(22-23).D

Government of Jharkhand
Rural Works Department(Rural works Affairs)
JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (JSRRDA)
3rd Floor, F.F.P. Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi 834004

VERY SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(National Competitive Bidding Through e-Procurement) (eTender)

Re-eTender No.- 32 /2022-23 Dated:

PR no- 264938 dated 26.02.2022

The undersigned on behalf of Government of Jharkhand invites item rate bids through e-Procurement from the eligible bidders registered* in appropriate class with any State/Central Government/State /Central Government Organization for construction and maintenance for five years of the following works of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna, Phase –XIV (2016-17) and XV th Phase (2017-18) of PMGSY-I.

The bid should be submitted online in the website **pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in**. The bidders should have valid Digital Signature Certificate for online submission of bid.

Phase- XIV(Batch-III) (2016-17)

Sl. No.	District Name	Division /Block	Package No.	Road Name	Bridge Length (M)	Cost of Const. and Maint. With GST (in Lakh)	Earnest Money (in Lakh)	Time Compl e-tion
1.	West Singhbhum	Chakradhar -pur (Goelkera)	JH22EG26B1 (6th Call)	Bridge over Local Nala at Ch. 2.40 KM (L057-Posaita to Baliya Levesta (VR187)	89.44	187.00	1.87	6 Month
				ROAD				
2.	West Singhb hum	Chaibasa (Tonto)	JH22TKE099 (5th Call)	Remaining work of T01 (MALPI) to TAMBAHAKA	8.34	402.68	4.03	6 Month

Date of opening of tenders are as given below :-

Procurement Officer	Place of Opening	Availability of tender on-line for bidding		Date & time of opening of tender	
		From	To	Technical bid	Financial bid
1	2	3	4	6	7
Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	01.08.2022 upto 10.30 AM	08.08.2022 upto 5.00 PM	10.08.2022 at 5.00 PM	To be informed later

All other details can be seen in the bidding documents which are available at website **pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in.**

** Non-registered bidders may also submit bid, however the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authority before signing the contract.*

Note :- 1. Amount of Bid Security should be taken as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Document.
2. Cost of Bid Document (Rs. 10000) and Bid Security (as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet) shall be deposited **Online** in form as mentioned in Bid Data Sheet failing which the bid will be treated non responsive and action shall be taken as per Sec. 2 of ITB clause 12.2 (d).
3. In case, it is found, even after the award of work that the bidder has submitted/ uploaded any false/erroneous/fraudulent statement/document, he/she is liable for blacklisting and forfeiture of Bid Security.
4. Bidders must submit GST registration certificate without which bid is liable to be rejected.
5. Bidders whose names appear in the Debar/blacklist of RWD, any department of GoJ/GoI (including JSRRDA) shall not be allowed to participate in the above bids.
6. Bids submitted by bidders, who have long pending ATR(s) / made inordinate delay in execution of earlier allotted construction/ maintenance works of PMGSY, may be rejected summarily.
7. In case of any discrepancy/dispute about units in BOQ, units as mentioned in Current SOR on which BOQ has been prepared shall prevail.
8. Participating bidders are free to submit grievances, if any, against the decision of technical evaluation within five working days from the date of uploading of decision of technical evaluation only through email at jh-ce@pmgsy.nic.in. Grievance submitted after stipulated period shall not be considered.
9. Bidders must have valid registration with Employee Provident Fund organization under EPF and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952 failing which the bid shall be rejected.
10. Bidders must not quote rate for routine maintenance. The amount for routine maintenance as indicated in the Bill of Quantities must be acceptable to bidders.
11. For unbalanced bids, extra performance security will be required to be deposited by the bidder by the time of Agreement.

All other details can be seen in the bidding document which is available in website **pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in** as per schedule mentioned above.

Chief Engineer
JSRRDA, Ranchi

PR 274782 Rural Work Department(22-23)#D

MINORITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DIRECTORATE OF MINORITIES
Maulana Abul Kalam Aazad Bhavan,
No.16C, Millers Tank Bed Road, Vasanth Nagar,
Bengaluru-560 052 Helpline:8277799990
Website: https://dom.karnataka.gov.in Dated: 30.07.2022

NOTIFICATION

National Overseas Scholarship for Minority community students 2022-23

The state Government through the Directorate of Minorities is providing financial assistance (in the form of Scholarship) to Minority students of Karnataka State domicile for pursuing higher studies abroad for PG courses, in prestigious Foreign Universities (for Male students only Top 100 Universities will be considered & for Female students only Top 200 Universities will be considered as per global world ranking list for the academic year 2022-23).

Interested Minority Community students of Karnataka state Domicile can only apply online along with documents through this link **https://103.138.196.8/nos/**

Last Date to submit online application: 30.08.2022.

For Further information and conditions, the candidates are advised to visit the official website of Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru, **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Director, Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION
E - Tender Notice No. E/CN/ERS/TN/02/ 2022-23
Dated 27.07.2022

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Dy Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam Junction-682016 invites E- tenders for the work mentioned below as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. The Bid Security should be paid through online payment gateway available on the website by the way of multiple banks net banking, debit and credit card.

Item no.	Tender No.	Name of work
1.	E.320/CN/ERS /OT/OHE/39	Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Traction overhead equipment including modifications to the existing overhead equipment with 25 kV A.C. supply at Mangaluru Junction station (Stage-III) and Jokatte yard of Palakkad Division of Southern Raway
2.	E.572/CN/ERS /WC/OT/569	TVC-CAPE Doubling Electrification of Palliyadi Station, provision of 25kV AT at LC gates and S&T accommodation between Kuzhithurai-Palliyadi stations and provision for temporary lighting in section between KZT and CAPE stations in Trivandrum- Kanyakumari sections commissioning of 25KVA, 25KV/230V Auxiliary transformer at Eraniel station
3.	E.572/CN/ERS /WC/OT/570	Augmentation of Coaching Facilities at KCVL-Electrification of platforms at KCVL station and provision for temporary lighting in Kochuveli station

Sl No.	Tender No.	Approx. Cash value in Lakhs	Bid Security.	Date of Opening of tender	Cost of Tender from (Rs.)	Completion Period in months
1	OHE/39	Rs.460.52	Rs.380300/-	23.08.2022 at 12.00Hrs	0	One Year
2	OT/569	Rs.62.10	Rs.124200/-	23.08.2022 at 12.00Hrs	0	One Year
3	OT/570	Rs.133.16	Rs.216600/-	23.08.2022 at 12.00Hrs	0	Six months

Tenderers can submit Bid security in the form of bank guarantee also.

For further details visit Internet site **www.ireps.gov.in** or contact office of Dy Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway Ernakulam Junction 682016

Dy Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction
Southern Railway, Ernakulam Junction

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. Y/E.29/2022-23/08
Dated : 25-07-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Ashokapuram - Requirement of additional works for Ashokapuram yard Re-modelling. Allocation : 29-16-76-03	Rs. 42,12,156/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 16-08-2022
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer
PUBS/2022/AAS/PRS/SWR/2022-23 Mysuru
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PROVISION OF IBS

E-Tender Notice No. N-2022-23-TSK-NIT-08-EPC. Dated: 26-07-2022. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **E-Tender No.:** N-2022-23-TSK-T-08-EPC. **Brief Description of item:** Provision of IBS (5 block section Tingrai-Digboi, Nakachari-Mariani Jn., Mariani Jn.-Cinnamara, Titabar-Kamarbandha Ali , & Sibsagar Town-Moranhat over Tinsukia Division) of N.F. Railway. Tender Value: ₹14,69,38,574/-; Earnest Money: ₹8,84,700/-. E-tender will be **closed** at 12:00 hrs. on 26-08-2022 and **Opened** at 16:00 hrs. on 26-08-2022. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner Mrs. Tarannm Taj, W/o. Late. Faheemuddin F. M., Residing at No.154, 9th F Main, Near Masjid Mouzam, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore- 560029.

If any persons, banks, financial istaltions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential building bearing No.50, formed out of Property bearing Sy.No.68/3, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Form-B property No. 50/68/3 Serial No.2314 situated at Bommanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 30 Ft, & North to South 45 Ft. in total measuring 1350 Sq. Feet and bounded on : East by : Property bearing No.51 belongs to A. Annamalai, West by : Property bearing No.47, North by : 30 Ft Road, South by : Property bearing site No. 49.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B. N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates, # 96, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore - 68 Mob: 9845965626, 7406998832. BANGALORE, DATE : 29-07-2022

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Pre Audit), Project Central Division, Annexe-2 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002

No. EE/PA/TEND/01/2022-23 **Dated : 29-07-2022**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Pre Audit) Project Central, on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), invites Proposals (Technical and Financial) for appointing Consultant for the work detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Consultancy services for Construction Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control for the work of "Comprehensive development of road under Tender Sure guidelines with White Topping to Taralabalu Road (from Bellary Road via CM Residence to Rabindranath Tagoor Circle) and Taralabalu Road (from RT Nagar main Road to Citizen Park in Ward No. 46 JC Nagar (BMTC Depot)".	51,000/-
2	Comprehensive development of Road under Tender Sure guidelines with White Topping Roads Nagarbhavi 80 Feet Road from Outer Ring Road to Kengunte Circle.	35,000/-
3	Improvements to Footpath works at Thanisandra Main Road from Nagavara Circle to Bagalur Cross (Balance Works).	44,000/-
4	Comprehensive development of Gubbi Thotadappa Road from Shanthala Circle to Khodays Circle under Tender Sure guidelines (Balance Works)	20,000/-
5	Additional grants for balance work for White Topping Roads taken up under Phase-2, Package-3	43,000/-
6	White Topping to 100ft Road Indiranagar (Phase-2, Package-7), CMH Road (Phase-2, Package-6) and Inner Ring Road (Phase-2, Package-8) balance portion.	20,000/-

Calendar of events : (1) Availability of RFP Document : **01-08-2022** onwards. **(2)** Last date for receipt of queries is **08-08-2022 up to 17:30 Hours** in e-portal. **(3)** Date of Pre bid meeting at the office of Chief Engineer (Project Central) : **10-08-2022 at 15:30 Hrs. (4)** Last Date for submission of Proposals : **16-08-2022 up to 17:30 hours. (5)** Date of Opening of Technical Proposals : **18-08-2022, 11.30 Hours.**

Interested Eligible Consultants may obtain further information at the Office of the Executive Engineer (Pre Audit), Project Central Division, Annexe-2 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002, Tel: 9480683985 on any working day during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Pre Audit), Project - Central Division, BBMP

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It's advantage Bengaluru

The city has seen substantial growth in office space absorption. A look by **SHRINIVAS RAO**

Bengaluru has gained the epithet of being the foremost office destination in the country. The fact that it is one of the fastest growing metropolitan regions in the country, along with the added advantages of a salubrious climate, a vibrant cosmopolitan population, and a growing knowledge economy, provides the city with an edge over other key Indian cities.

Co-working spaces have gained traction

Half-Year (H1 2022) observations

Bengaluru saw the first half of the year clock an impressive 7.7 million sq.ft of office absorption, surpassing the quantum observed in H1 2021 by 67%.

The ORR office market, touted to be most preferred by the IT/ITeS sector, continued to lead occupier demand, accounting for 42% share in H1 2022.

An interesting trend seen was regarding the managed offices/co-working segment operators. While the segment went through considerable apprehensions during the initial pandemic period, with most tenants requesting for rent waivers or renegotiations on their term agreements, it picked up pace in H2 2021 with the opening up of offices and saw its share in absorption pegged at 24% in H1 2022.

> New completions have continued their onward momentum in Bengaluru

Second Quarter (Q2 2022) observations

The total office space absorption in Bengaluru was recorded at 4.2 million sq.ft in Q2 2022, depicting a YoY growth of 133%.

When compared to the previous quarter, the growth in absorption was recorded at 20%.

This substantial YoY increase in absorption growth in Q2 2022 can largely be attributed to the severity of the second wave of the pandemic during Q2 2021 that took a toll on real estate activities as well, leading to demand shrinking considerably in the city's office market.

Meanewhile, new completions continued their onward momentum, and was recorded at 2.9 million sq.ft in Q2 2022, totaling up to 5.9 million sq.ft in the first six months of the year.

On weighted average rental front, Bengaluru saw an uptick in rental values in Q2 2022 vis-à-vis the values in Q2 2021, to the tune of 5%.

Good potential

Given the market traction witnessed in H1 2022, Bengaluru office market holds good potential to regain its momentum that was witnessed in the pre-pandemic era, and while the pandemic continues to make its presence felt, the strong fundamentals ruling the market will prove resilient enough.

Leasing activity up

Leasing activity remains robust with space leased up more Year-on-Year (Y-o-Y) in June 2022. On a monthly comparison, leasing activity is slower by just 5% in June 2022.

The top four cities with a cumulative share of 87% in monthly leasing activity for June 2022 are Bengaluru, Chennai, Mumbai, and Delhi NCR in that order.

Rise in the number of deals both Y-o-Y and Q-o-Q is indicative of rising occupier activity which is in sync with rising occupancy levels in offices. Mumbai led with the maximum number of deals during June 2022.

Tech occupiers continue to remain the key drivers of the aggregate market leasing activity in June 2022 with a 35% share. Healthcare occupiers are pushing the share of the composite occupier category of telecom, real estate & construction with BFSI showing a near-doubling of its share.month-on-month.

Robust

"Market leasing showed robustness in June and with over 280 deals recorded, occupier activity has stayed the course with return to work and hybrid workplace strategies supporting an increase in office occupancy levels. On a q-o-q basis, there was a slight decline, a trend on which we will keep a close eye given the global headwinds that may impact market leasing activity as occupiers are likely to be cautiously optimistic about growth-oriented real estate space requirements," says Samantak Das, chief economist, and head research and REIS, India, JLL.

Home sales drop

In a report released by PropEquity, a leading real estate data, research and analytics firm, sales or absorption fell by 7% in a sequential quarter (Q2 vs Q1) as developers across cities focussed on clearing earlier launched inventories.

Sales were also impacted as home loan interest rates increased over the last several quarters impacting affordability. Potential home buyers are also finding deals in their price brackets to be challenging as projects of renowned developers have seen appreciation.

Total units launched across the top 9 tier cities witnessed a drop of 24% on a Q-o-Q basis; however, a growth of 51% was witnessed on Y-o-Y basis.

Similarly, the absorption saw a drop of 7% on a Q-o-Q basis, while a growth of 96% was witnessed when compared to the same period last year.

The unsold inventory has dropped by 5% when compared to last quarter and 11% drop when compared on a Y-o-Y basis.

Home sales across Pune, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Gurugram, and Noida dropped in Q2 vs Q1 at -16%, -1% -4%, -1%, -17%, -28%, -28%, -35% respectively. Only Thane saw an increase in sales at 3%.

Also, the new supply or new launches of housing units decreased by 24% in the same period to 69,812 units from Q1 2022 at 91,489 units. New launches across Thane, Pune, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Kolkata, Noida and Gurugram fell -23%, -14%, -37%, -32%, -37%, -72%, and -100% respectively.

Only Mumbai saw an increase in new launches by 10%.

"Residential market has been witnessing steady growth in sales and price appreciations over the last one year and the last 5 months have witnessed no major COVID-related lockdowns across India. This has led to developers holding off new launches to clear existing inventories," Samir Jasuja, Founder and Managing Director, PropEquity, said.

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85	ಚಂದ್ರಕಲಾ ಜೆ. ಕೋಂ ಟಿ.ವಿ. ಜನಾರ್ಧನ್	195	0-00.50	–	0-00.50
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ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು ಪಹಣಿಯಂತೆ ಶ್ರೀಯುತರು/ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್	ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಐಗು ಎ-ಗುಂಟೆ	ಖರಾಬು ಎ-ಗುಂಟೆ	ಒಟ್ಟು ಎ-ಗುಂಟೆ
86	ಜೆಜ್ ವಿಜಯೇಂದ್ರ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಜೆ.ಎಂ.ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀಮದ್ ಪರಮಹಂಸ 1008 ಪರಮಪೂಜ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀ ಸುಶಮೀಂದ್ರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳು	17/3	0-02.00	–	0-02.00
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90	ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ ಟಿ.ಎಂ ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಟಿ.ಎಂ	554/457/463/252/243ಎ	30 ಚ.ಮೀ	–	30 ಚ.ಮೀ
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ಗ್ರಾಮ : ದೇವಮಾಚೋಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು : ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ
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ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು ಪಹಣಿಯಂತೆ ಶ್ರೀಯುತರು/ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್	ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಐಗು ಎ-ಗುಂಟೆ	ಖರಾಬು ಎ-ಗುಂಟೆ	ಒಟ್ಟು ಎ-ಗುಂಟೆ
103	ಮಧುಸೂಧನ್ ಜಾನ್‌ವರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಾಮ್‌ವಿಲಾಸ್	23/5	0-01.75	–	0-01.75
104	ಎಸ್.ಆರ್.ಶಿವಾನಂದಮೂರ್ತಿ (ಭೂ.ಪ)	23/3	0-04.75	–	0-04.75
105	ಆರ್.ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಮಂಜುನಾಥ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ ಮುನಿರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ ಸೌಭಾಗ್ಯಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ ಹನುಮಂತರಾಯಪ್ಪ ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ವೀರನರಸಯ್ಯ ಡಿ.ವಿ.ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಡಿ.ಸಿ.ವೈರಮುಡಯ್ಯ	37/1	0-05.50	–	0-05.50
106	ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಕೆ ಬಿನ್ ಕಂದಮುತ್ತು	37/10	0-01.00	–	0-01.00
107	ಬಿ.ಮಹೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ.ಬಸವರಾಜು, ಬಿ.ರವಿಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ.ಬಸವರಾಜು	37/12	0-00.25	–	0-00.25
108	ಬಿ.ಟಿ.ನಾರಾಯಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ತಿಮ್ಮರಾಯಪ್ಪ	37/13	0-00.25	–	0-00.25
109	ಡಿ.ವಿ.ಚನ್ನೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಡಿ.ಸಿ.ವೈರಮುಡಯ್ಯ	39/6	0-03.75	–	0-03.75
110	ಸಂಜೀವಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಚಿಕ್ಕಹನುಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ, ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಚಿಕ್ಕದಾಸಪ್ಪ ಸರೋಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ	71	0-04.00	–	0-04.00
111	ನರೇಂದ್ರ ಚಂಗೇಲ ಬಿನ್ ಕಾಂತಿಲಾಲ್ ಚಂಗೇಲ	91	0-17.00	0-01.00	0-16.00
112	ನರೇಂದ್ರ ಚಂಗೇಲ ಬಿನ್ ಕಾಂತಿಲಾಲ್ ಚಂಗೇಲ, ಎನ್ ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಡಿ ನಾರಾಯಣಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ನಾಗಯ್ಯ, ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಗೋಮಾಳ ಡಿ.ಎನ್.ತಿಮ್ಮನರಸಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್	68	0-09.00	–	0-09.00

ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ಗಂಗಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಮೂಡ್ತಗಿರಿಯಪ್ಪ, ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ಚಿಕ್ಕತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮೂಡಲಯ್ಯ, ಬಾಬುರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮುನಿಮಾರಯ್ಯ, ಶಾರದಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಆಳ್ಳಪ್ಪ, ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ವೆಂಕಟರಮಣಪ್ಪ, ಉಗ್ರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮಾರಣ್ಣ, ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಸಂಜೀವಯ್ಯ, ಸಂಜೀವಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಚಿಕ್ಕಹನುಮಯ್ಯ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಣ, ಹನುಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ದೊಡ್ಡನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ಡಿ.ಹೆಚ್ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಪ್ಪ ಲೇ ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ, ರಂಗಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ವೀರನರಸಯ್ಯ, ನರಸಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ವೀರನರಸಯ್ಯ, ಎ.ಸೆಲ್ವರಾಜ್ ಬಿನ್ ಅಳಗಿರಿಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಮಾರಯ್ಯ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ, ಚಲುವಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ, ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ, ಹನುಮಂತರಾಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ, ಪಿ.ವೈರಮುಡಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ, ಸಿಂಗ್ರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ, ರಾಜ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ರಾಮಯ್ಯ, ಹನುಮಂತರಾಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ, ಕಾಳನಾಯ್ಕ ಬಿನ್ ಮಾದಾನಾಯ್ಕ, ಕೆ.ನರೇಂದ್ರ ಚಂಗೇಲ ಬಿನ್ ಕಾಂತಿಲಾಲ ಚಂಗೇಲ, ಎ ಸೆಲ್ವರಾಜ್, ಬೆಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿನ್ನಯ್ಯ, ಸಂಜೀವಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ, ಮುದ್ದಹನುಮಯ್ಯ, ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ರೇವಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಬಿ.ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಎ.ಸೆಲ್ವರಾಜ್ ಬಿನ್ ಅಳಗಿರಿಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಹನುಮಕ್ಕ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಮೂಡಲಗಿರಿಯಪ್ಪ, ಡಿ.ಎ.ಮುನಿರಾಜ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಡಿ.ಸಿ.ವೈರಮುಡಯ್ಯ, ಕಮಲಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಚಿಕ್ಕರೇಮಣ್ಣ, ಫಹೀಮ್ ಅಕ್ರಮ್ ಬಿನ್ ಅಬ್ದುಲ್ ಸಲಾಮ್, ಜಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ರೇವಯ್ಯ, ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ವಿದ್ಯಾವತಿ ಕೋಂ ಗುಡ್ಡಯ್ಯ, ಕಮಲ ಕೋಂ ರಾಮಯ್ಯ, ರಂಗಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಹೊಂಬಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಕೆಶಿಪ್ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ, ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಚಿನ್ನಪ್ಪ, ಹನುಮಂತ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಚಿನ್ನಪ್ಪ, ನಾಗರಾಜ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಚಿನ್ನಪ್ಪ, ವೆಂಕಟಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ಗಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ, ಗೌರಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಚಿಕ್ಕಹನುಮಯ್ಯ

113	ಗೌರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಹೊಂಬಯ್ಯ ಗಿರಿಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆಂಚಪ್ಪ, ಹೆಚ್.ನಿರ್ಮಲ ಕೋಂ ಸೋಮನಾಥ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಸುಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಪಾಂಡುರಂಗಭಟ್	18/*/4	0-01.00	0-00.50	0-00.50
114	ಪಿ.ನಾಗರಾಜ್ ಬಿನ್ ಮುಟ್ಟನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ	39/*/5	0-00.25	–	0-00.25
115	ಡಿ.ಎ ನಾಗರಾಜ್ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥನಾರಾಯಣ	21/*/8	0-00.25	–	0-00.25
116	ಮಹೇಶ್ ನಾಗಪ್ಪ ಅಥಣಿ ಬಿನ್ ನಾಗಪ್ಪ	69/*/17	0-00.50	–	0-00.50
117	ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕೊರಿಯಪ್ಪ	69/*/20	0-00.75	–	0-00.75
118	ಸವಾರಾಮ್‌ಚೌರಿ ಗಮನರಾಮ್ ಭಾಗವಾನ್ ರಾಮ್ ಚೌರಿ ಬಿನ್ ಗಮನ್‌ರಾಮ್	69/*/21	0-01.25	–	0-01.25
119	ಕೊಟ್ಟಗೆ ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯ	70	0-02.75	0-00.25	0-02.50
120	ಚನ್ನಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪ	69/*/11	0-00.75	0-00.25	0-00.50
121	ಹೊಟ್ಟೆನರಸಪ್ಪ	76/*/1	0-01.75	–	0-01.75
122	ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಬೈರಪ್ಪ	77/*/2	0-04.75	–	0-04.75
	ಒಟ್ಟು		**1-21.25**	**0-02.00**	**1-19.25**

ಗ್ರಾಮ : ಮಾರೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು : ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ
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ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು ಪಹಣಿಯಂತೆ ಶ್ರೀಯುತರು/ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್	ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಐಗು ಎ-ಗುಂಟೆ	ಖರಾಬು ಎ-ಗುಂಟೆ	ಒಟ್ಟು ಎ-ಗುಂಟೆ
123	ರಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ಲಲಿತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥನಾರಾಯಣ ಸುಂದರ್‌ರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾದಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ, ಸರೋಜಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾದಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ ಕಮಲಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾದಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ	36/*/5	0-01.50	–	0-01.50
124	ಎಂ.ಎನ್ ಪ್ರಶಾಂತ್‌ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್ ನರಸಿಂಹಮೂರ್ತಿ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್.ಅನಿಲ್‌ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್ ನರಸಿಂಹಮೂರ್ತಿ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್.ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಸಂಪಂಗಿನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ರಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ಲಲಿತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥನಾರಾಯಣ ಸುಂದರ್‌ರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾದಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ, ಸರೋಜಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾದಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ ಕಮಲಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನಾದಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ	23	0-09.00	0-02.00	0-07.00
	ಒಟ್ಟು		**0-10.50**	**0-02.00**	**0-08.50**

ಗ್ರಾಮ : ಹೋಳನಾಯಕನಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು : ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ
ಹೋಬಳಿ : ತಾವರೆಕೆರೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ : ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು ಪಹಣಿಯಂತೆ ಶ್ರೀಯುತರು/ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್	ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಐಗು ಎ-ಗುಂಟೆ	ಖರಾಬು ಎ-ಗುಂಟೆ	ಒಟ್ಟು ಎ-ಗುಂಟೆ
125	ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ, ರೇವಾಂಜನಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ, ನಾರಾಯಿಣ ಬಿನ್ ಕೈಲಾಸನಾಥ್ ನಾರಾಯಿಣ ಬಿನ್ ಕೈಲಾಸನಾಥ್, ದೊಡ್ಡೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಬಸವೇಗೌಡ, ಸಿ.ಡಿ.ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಜ್ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿ.ಕೆ.ದೊಡ್ಡಯ್ಯ, ತಿಮ್ಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್, ತಿರುಮಲಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮುತ್ತಯ್ಯ, ಹೊನ್ನೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ, ಅಂಜನಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ನಂಜುಂಡಪ್ಪ, ಹನುಮಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ, ರೇವಾಂಜನಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ	81/*/0	0-28.00	–	0-28.00
126	ಶಿವರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮುನಿಬೈರಯ್ಯ	98/*/5	0-00.25	–	0-00.25
127	ಆರ್.ತಿಮ್ಮಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಮಯ್ಯ, ರೇಣುಕಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಮುತ್ತಯ್ಯ	3/*/1	0-01.00	–	0-01.00
128	ಪಿ.ಭಾಸ್ಕರಾಚಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮುಟ್ಟವೀರಣ್ಣ	3/*/2	0-01.00	–	0-01.00
129	ಶಿವರಾಮಚಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ನೀಲಾಚಾರ್, ರುದ್ರೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಮುಟ್ಟವೀರಣ್ಣ, ಭಾಗ್ಯಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಶ್ಯಾಮಾಚಾರ್, ಮಂಜುಳ ಸಿ.ಕೆ ಬಿನ್ ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ, ಸಂಗೀತ ಸಿ.ಕೆ ಬಿನ್ ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ, ಪಿ.ಭಾಸ್ಕರಾಚಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಮುಟ್ಟವೀರಣ್ಣ	6/*/1	0-01.00	–	0-01.00

130	ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮುನಿನಾಗಪ್ಪ ಜಿ.ನಾಗರಾಜಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ	94/11	0-04.00	–	0-04.00
131	ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮುನಿನಾಗಪ್ಪ	94/*/12	0-00.50	–	0-00.50
132	ಕುಸುಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ರೇಣುಕೇಶ್	98/*/6	0-00.50	–	0-00.50
133	ಕುಮಾರಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಎ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಅಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ, ಎ.ಸೋಮಶೇಖರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಅಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ, ಜಯರಾಮ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಅಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ	82/*/10	0-02.75	–	0-02.75
134	ತಳವಾರಿ ನೌಕರಿ ಇನಾಂತಿ	93	0-03.50	–	0-03.50
	ಒಟ್ಟು		**1-02.50**		**1-02.50**

ಗ್ರಾಮ : ಗಂಗಪ್ಪನಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು : ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ
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Surathkal murder victim buried amid tension

Mutalik detained on Udupi-Dakshina Kannada border for violating ban orders

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Amid continued efforts by the police to identify and bring to book assailants of Mohammed Fazil, who was murdered in Surathkal on Thursday night, his funeral was conducted at Mangalapete.

The police, however, did not allow the body to be taken in a procession to avoid any trouble even as they have detained 12 persons who were moving around suspiciously, in violation of Section 144.

A large number of people gathered during the funeral of Mohammed Fazil at Muhyiddeen Juma Masjid in Surathkal on Friday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'Motive not clear yet'

While the social media was abuzz with messages attributing several reasons for young Fazil's murder, city Police Commissioner N. Shashi Kumar said they were yet to zero in on the specific reason for the crime and also the perpetrators. As a precautionary measure, the administration has clamped prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Cr. PC in Panambur, Surathkal, Mulki, and Bajpe police station limits, all identified as sensitive areas, since the murder was committed.

Fazil, 22, a resident of Mangalapete in Surathkal, was hacked to death with sharp weapons by unidentified people near a cloth shop in Surathkal town on Thursday night. The murder, committed days after the killing of Praveen Nettaru, a BJYM worker in Bellare, has further intensified the situation in the region.

Meanwhile, Mangaluru City Police detained Sri Rama Sene national president Pramod Muthalik at Hejamady, on the border of Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts, when he was trying to enter the Mangaluru city limits on Friday morning from Udupi.

Mr. Kumar said he, as the additional district magistrate, had passed orders under Section 144 (2) prohibiting entry of Mr. Muthalik into the commissionerate limits, following similar action by the Dakshina Kannada Deputy Commissioner for DK police district. The administration had reasons to believe that Mr. Muthalik's presence in the region, in the wake of Praveen and Fazil's murders, could further exacerbate an already tense situation as he was known to deliver provocative speeches, said Mr. Kumar.

The Commissioner said the detention was following Mr. Muthalik's failure to comply with the restriction order.

Shops in DK to remain closed from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. till Aug. 1

This is in the light of intelligence inputs that the next 3 days will be crucial: DC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Following two murders since July 26, all commercial establishments, excluding emergency services, will remain closed between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. from Friday to Monday across Dakshna Kannada, announced Deputy Commissioner K.V. Rajendra.

Mangaladevi Road (Car Street) in Mangaluru was deserted on Friday in view of the prohibitory orders. • ANIL KUMAR SASTRY

While BJP Yuva Morcha activist Praveen Nettaru was murdered at his poultry farm at Bellare on July 26, Mohammed Fazil was hacked to death at a cloth shop in Surathkal on Thursday.

"The administration has received intelligence inputs indicating that the next three days will be crucial, and more trouble can be expected. The restrictions cannot be termed a curfew; but unnecessary movement of general public should be restricted during night hours, and hence the decision. Urban and rural local bodies have been directed to ensure the identified establishments are closed by 6 p.m. on these days," he said in a video message.

Dr. Rajendra said the restriction applies to cinemas, public cultural programmes, and other such activities. The administration has allowed essential services, including healthcare and public transport. Those travelling by public transport need to carry proof explaining the reason for their journey, he advised.

Dr. Rajendra has imposed prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (Cr. PC) in Dakshina Kannada police district comprising Bantwal, Belthangady, Puttur, and Sullia taluks, till August 6 midnight. Mangaluru Police Commissioner N. Shashi Kumar issued a similar order for the commissionerate limits till 6 a.m. of August 1.

The Deputy Commissioner issued another order under the Excise Act prohibiting sale of any kind of liquor across the district with immediate effect, and till 8 a.m. of August 1.

Peace meet

Dr. Rajendra has convened a meeting of the peace committee in his office in Mangaluru on Saturday at 11 a.m. Various religious and political leaders have been invited to discuss issues with regard to the recent developments.

Uneasy calm looms over Surathkal

Most shops and establishments remained closed

ADGP (Law and Order) Alok Kumar visited Surathkal on Friday as part of investigation into Mohammed Fazil murder case. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

RAGHAVA M.
MANGALURU

With the reduction in the city bus services, Aboobacker Saddiq, a resident of Katipalla in Surathkal, had a hard time on Friday reaching his place of work at a mall in the central business district of Mangaluru.

He had to walk for nearly a kilometre on Katipalla Main Road and hitch a ride on a motorcycle for another 500 metres after which he got into a KSRTC bus bound to State Bank in the city.

"My manager called me around 12 noon and asked me to report to duty. I somehow managed to reach the workplace today," he told *The Hindu* and added that he was worried about returning home, which is in a communally sensitive area, at night.

Mr. Saddiq said that with the district administration restricting non-essential movement between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. until August 1, his problem would get compounded as more private city bus services were likely to be cut down during this period.

Bad memories of 1998

Similarly, Jamalasab Jaladagi, a roadside vendor, is concerned about his trade if the communal tension escalates. "As a young boy, I have seen in 1998 the flower stall of my father being ransacked by rioters at Kutthar. I get vegetables daily from Dharwad and my house of five members runs on the earnings from the sale of these vegetables. I only hope the situation does not get worse," Mr. Jaladagi said.

Mr. Siddiq and Mr. Jaladagi are among several daily earners in the city who are worried over the murders of 18-year-old Masood on July 21, 32-year-old Praveen Nettaru on July 26, both in Bellare, and of 22-year-old Mohammed Fazil near Surathkal New Market on Thursday, and their impact on law and order.

On the first day of the prohibitory orders in the Mangaluru police commissionerate limits on Friday, life was normal in the city while most shops and commercial establishments in Surathkal, Kana, Krishnapura, and adjoining areas remained closed. Some private buses began plying from Surathkal only after 10 a.m. after the last rites of Fazil were over.

The police had barred the movement of people in about 100-m radius of Kana-Krishnapura-Bala Main Road where Fazil was murdered. Traffic from the main road was diverted to the road adjoining Govindasa College.

City buses plying to Surathkal, Mulki, Bajpe, and adjoining areas saw poor occupancy. Occupancy was poor throughout the day, said Ashok Ashel, president of Karavali Okkoota of Dakshina Kannada Bus Operators' Association. Mr. Ashel said of the 110 buses, 95 were operated on Friday.

Siddaramaiah's poser to Bommai, Ministers

'Why do you visit families of only BJP workers hit by violence?'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU/BENGALURU

Accusing Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Home Minister Araga Jnanendra of failure to protect the lives of people in Karnataka, the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah asked the former to quit if he was unable to run the government.

The former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaking to reporters at Mysuru airport on Friday. • M.A. SRIRAM

Speaking to reporters in Mysuru on Friday, Mr. Siddaramaiah pointed out that a series of murders had taken place in different parts of Karnataka, including the killings in Dakshina Kannada, in the last few days. "One murder took place in Mangaluru when the Chief Minister was on a visit to Dakshina Kannada on Thursday," he said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah questioned the Chief Minister's failure to visit the houses of murder victims belonging to the Muslim community. He pointed out that Mr. Bommai did not visit the house of either Masood or Mohammed Fazil, who were killed in the district.

He also described as "irresponsible" remarks of Tejaswi Surya, Bengaluru South MP, that stones could be thrown when the Congress is in power. "What should be thrown when the BJP is in power? Rotten eggs?" he asked.

Pointing out that the Intelligence Department functions directly under the Chief Minister, Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "People in Karnataka are living in fear. This government has failed miserably."

Blame game

He questioned Mr. Bommai's claim that the government led by Mr. Siddaramaiah was responsible for the deterioration in the law and order situation in Karnataka. "What is the connection between the previous government and the present law and order situation? The murders (in Dakshina Kannada) took place three days ago," he said.

Speaking in Bengaluru earlier, Mr. Bommai said the Siddaramaiah-led government had freed about 200 activists of the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) and the Popular Front of India (PFI) and blamed the current situation on that decision.

Mr. Siddaramaiah also said that the State government could ban the SDPI and the PFI if it had any evidence of their involvement in the murders.

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No. SSK/KKGBV/FOOD TENDER /call-2 /2021-22 Date: 27-07-2022
TENDER SCHEDULE- Call-2
Providing food to K.K.G.B.V. of Bidar district
Call-2
1) Short Term Tender and reference No. : SSK/KKGBV/FOOD TENDER /call-2 / 2021-22 Date: 27-07-2022, 2) Last Date for filing tender date and time D a t e : 10-08-2022, at 11.00AM, 3) Opening of Technical Bid and Time : Date: 12-08-2022 11:00 A.M, 4) Opening of financial Bid and Timing : Tentative, 5) Tender Value / Contract value : Rs. 70,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Lakhs only), 6) E.M.D Payable: Date 1,75,000/- (Rupees One lakh Seventy five Thousand only), 7) Tender accepting Authority : DDPI & Ex-Officio, District Project Co-coordinator, Samagra Shiksha Karnataka, Bidar, has the right to accept or reject the tender, 8) Address for correspondence : Dr, T.R.Dodde, DYPC., SSK-Bidar, Mob: 9448999388,Office Land line : 08482-233136
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Administrative Training Institute and State Institute for Urban Development (SIUD-Functioning in ATI Campus) Mysore is inviting tender through e-Procurement for providing Horticulture maintenance Service. Registered/eligible firms/organizations can submit their bids through the e-Procurement portal Website:http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Details of the tender are as follows.

Sl.No.	Details of the Service	Approximate Amount	E.M.D
1.	Tender through e-Procurement for providing Horticulture Maintenance Service for Administrative Training Institute and State Institute for Urban Development (SIUD-Functioning in ATI Campus) for a period of one year	Rs.83,97,341	Rs.1,67,947/-

The tender documents can be viewed on the e-Procurement portal from **29.07.2022.** The last date for the submission of bid is **27.08.2022 at 5.30 (Evening).** The Tender bids will be opened on **30.08.2022 at 11.30** in the Morning. Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned address.
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Sd/- Director General
Deputy Director (A and P)

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SSK/KGBV/TYPE-1/FOOD TENDER /call-2 /2021 Date: 27-07-2022
TENDER SCHEDULE- Call-2
Providing food to K.G.B.V. TYPE 4. of Bidar district
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No:EE/BTDA/Dn.2/Tender-4/2022-23/ 1493 Dated:28.07.2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)
Tenders are invited by the under signed for various works from registered eligible contractors for various works ranging from Rs. 8.38 to Rs. 305.61 Lakhs The intending bidders for work details may login to e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for detailed notification and submission of the tender. The tenders can be submitted till 10.08.2022 up to 5.00 PM. Financial bids below 50 Lakhs and Technical bid above 50 Lakhs will be opened on 12.08.2022 at 11.00 AM (if possible). And Financial bids above 50 Lakhs will be opened on 16.08.2022 at 11.00 AM (if possible). Any other details can be obtained from this office in person or over telephone number 08534-297054.
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SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement portal only)
Tenders are invited under Two Bid System on Government of Karnataka e-procurement platform from eligible printers, having Infrastructure as stipulated in the Tender Document **for print and supply of Arabic Textbooks for students studying in Aided and Private Madarasa schools.These textbooks are to be supplied to 38 Block education offices across the State of Karnataka as per the distribution list provided by this office for the academic year 2022-23.**
Eligible printers may offer their bidding up to **5.30 PM on 05.08.2022**. Tender document is made available in e-portal as well as department website.
E-procurement portal address: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
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Sd/- Managing Director, KTBS, Bengaluru

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
Commissioner, Belagavi Urban Development Authority,Belagaviinvites tenders from eligible tenders registered in PWD/ZP/CPWD for the works taken under Belagavi Urban Development Authority Grants works in standard tender document through E-Procurement portal for further details visit online web site https:/www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The deatils of the time table of tenders are as follows.

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Date of Opening of Technical Bid	30.08.2022 Up to 16:30 Hrs
Date of Opening of Financial Bid	02.09.2022 Up to 16:30 Hrs

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

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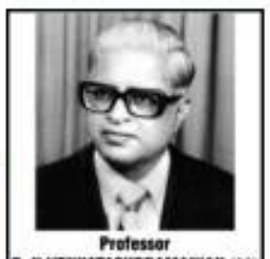

Professor Dr.N.VENKATASUBRAMANIAN (90)
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Left for heavenly abode on July 28th 2022 in Seattle, Washington.
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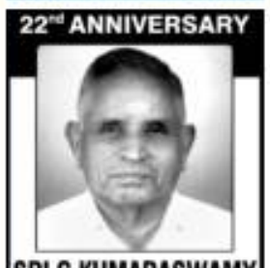

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IN BRIEF

Kerala HC adjourns hearing on NEET plea

KOCHI

A Division Bench of the Kerala High Court on Friday adjourned by a week the hearing on a public interest petition seeking a directive to the NTA to publish a common protocol for conducting the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) across the country in view of the Kollam incident.

Court rules out foul play in violinist's death

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A CBI special court found no foul play in the 2018 motor accident death of violinist Balabhaskar. CBI judge R. Rekha ruled out the family's demand for a further investigation. Investigations by the Crime Branch and later the CBI found that Balabhaskar's driver Arjun was at the wheel when the accident occurred in 2018.

Multiple tremors felt in Kerala's Idukki district

IDUKKI

Kerala's Idukki district experienced multiple tremors early on Friday. Two tremors were reported after 1.48 a.m. with an intensity of 3.1 and 2.95 on the Richter scale. The tremors were recorded at the seismic stations of the KSEB at Alady and Kulamavu. No casualty was reported, said an official.

No compromise on air safety, says Scindia

HYDERABAD

Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia has asserted that "safety is of paramount importance for civil aviation and there shall be and cannot any compromise on it" on Friday. "The DGCA has been taking decisive and appropriate actions in the last 10 days with spot checks and audits," he told a press conference.

Kerala keen to replace wheat with ragi

Demand follows studies which recommended millets and pulses for three anaemia-affected districts

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Kerala government has sought Central assistance to distribute ragi powder and chick pea instead of wheat atta in at least three districts where anaemia cases and lifestyle-related diseases are high. Kerala Food Minister G.R. Anil told reporters here on Friday after a meeting with Union Food Minister Piyush Goyal that the demand was in place of about 6,459.04 metric tonnes of wheat, which had been stopped by the Centre from its quota recently.

Mr. Anil said the demand to distribute ragi powder was made after studies by Kerala Health Department and the State Food Commission recommended millets and pulses for anaemia-hit districts such as Wayanad, Palakkad and Idukki. He said in a letter to Mr. Goyal that as 2022-2023 was International Year of Millets, Kerala was planning to supply ragi powder to ration card holders to provide adequate food security, especially to tribal families in the hilly areas of Palakkad, Wayanad and Idukki districts and through fair price shops in at least one panchayat on a pilot basis.

For this, the State had demanded 991 metric tonnes of ragi powder. It was the quantity required at the rate of one kg for an average of 500 ration cardholders of each fair price shop under the purview of 1,034 local self-governments and at the rate of one kg for ration cardholders of about 948 fair price shops in Idukki, Palakkad and Wayanad. "As part of ensuring more nutrient rich food to people especially tribals, I humbly request you to look into the above proposal and take necessary steps for the allotment of ragi at the earliest," Mr. Anil said in the letter.

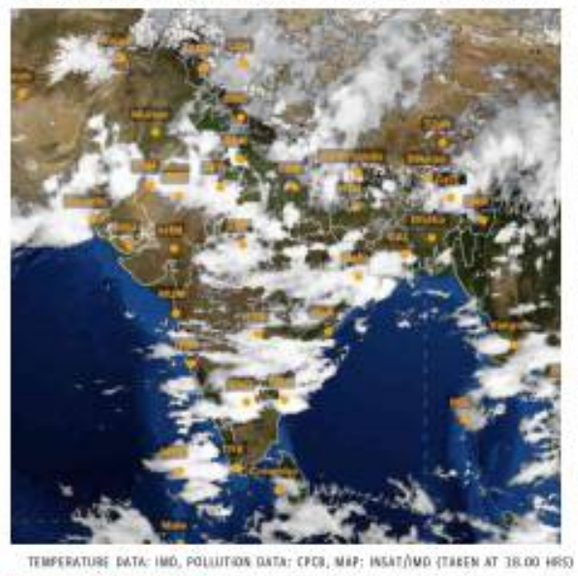
Better nutrition: Kerala is planning to distribute ragi through PDS/fair price shops in at least three districts. • M.A. SRIRAM

The State has also requested protein-rich white gram (chick pea) along with other foodgrains. "This may help reduce malnutrition among the tribals also. Hence, it is high time to provide nutritious food like white gram through the Public Distribution System. As envisaged in the Food Security Act, to provide adequate food security, we are planning to provide one kilogram of white gram or chick pea per card, as a protein supplement through one fair price shop in each local self-government and every fair price shop in hilly areas of Idukki, Palakkad and Wayanad District on a pilot basis," Mr. Anil added. The State has demanded 991 MT of chick pea from the Centre.

The Centre had cut down wheat allocation and replaced it with rice for at least 10 States recently. The matter was raised by States such as Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh at a recent Food Ministers' meeting. The States demanded restoration of wheat quota. Kerala, on the other hand, has demanded ragi instead of wheat.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Bihar, south interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, Rayalaseema and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.4	35.7	26.8	Kozhikode	–	32.5	25.9
Ahmedabad	7	34.0	25.5	Kurnool	–	36.5	25.2
Aizawl	–	–	–	Lucknow	0.7	33.0	26.6
Allahabad	–	33.8	26.0	Madurai	–	31.8	24.0
Bengaluru	1.3	30.7	22.3	Mangaluru	–	30.3	24.8
Bhopal	–	31.0	24.4	Mumbai	–	31.6	26.0
Bhubaneswar	–	35.6	25.8	Mysuru	12	32.0	21.0
Chandigarh	–	33.5	27.3	New Delhi	20	32.0	25.2
Chennai	–	34.4	27.7	Patna	13	33.1	25.0
Coimbatore	0.7	33.0	22.8	Port Blair	0.4	31.4	25.8
Dehradun	12	30.3	23.5	Puducherry	–	32.3	25.4
Gangtok	2.2	22.2	18.0	Pune	3.3	31.5	23.4
Goa	0.4	31.8	24.9	Raipur	–	33.5	26.8
Guwahati	–	35.2	26.2	Ranchi	0.8	32.4	24.2
Hubballi	–	32.0	22.0	Shillong	29	24.3	16.4
Hyderabad	1	32.7	22.0	Shimla	23	23.0	16.5
Imphal	–	32.3	22.1	Srinagar	2	24.2	20.6
Jaipur	2	32.0	25.7	Thiruvananthapuram	4	31.9	24.0
Kochi	2	30.0	24.4	Tiruchi	–	33.7	28.0
Kohima	–	24.6	–	Vijayawada	–	35.0	25.8
Kolkata	–	35.1	27.7	Visakhapatnam	–	33.5	27.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	18	12	..	35	71	
Bengaluru	6	15	50	112	98	
Chennai	11	26	42	49	41	
Delhi	9	53	101	45	275	
Hyderabad	5	15	39	108	78	
Kolkata	17	14	21	47	79	
Lucknow	7	99	40	24	50	
Mumbai	50	–	6	33	227	
Pune	–	41	97	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	14	37	26	44	93	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 265 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway work has begun, says Gadkari

He tells LS that the expressway will be ready in two years

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari told the Lok Sabha on Thursday that of the 10 construction packages of the Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway, work is in progress on six packages. In Tamil Nadu, the road runs to 106 km and work has been taken up in three packages. He was replying to an unstarred question.

The last package, which runs for a length of 12 km with the other half in Andhra Pradesh, too has been awarded to a contractor and the work is likely to commence in a couple of weeks. The length of the greenfield fully access-controlled signal-free elevated expressway is 262 km and runs through Karnataka (71 km), Andhra Pradesh (85 km) and Tamil Nadu (106 km). The four-lane wide expressway would cost ₹12,500 crore and is expected to be completed in two years. In Tamil Nadu, the expressway would run through Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Vellore and Ranipet districts.

Nitin Gadkari

The project, being taken up under the National Highways Development Project, would allow motorists to reach Bengaluru in under three hours from Chennai, depending on the speed.

"This road is designed for a speed of 120 kmph and all other factors permitting, motorists can clock such speeds on it," said a source. It would be completely fenced off, to ensure no animals stray onto the road, which would not have any service lane for local traffic, the source added.

Kerala HC seeks status report on Raju's case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Friday called for a report from the Judicial First Class Magistrate Court, Nedumangad, in Thiruvananthapuram on the status of the evidence tampering case pending against Transport Minister Antony Raju. Justice Ziyad Rahman A.A. passed the order on a petition seeking to expedite trial in the case.

The court in its order said the question of the maintainability of the petition could be considered after a detailed hearing. However, in the meantime, the court directed the High Court Registry to get a report from the magistrate court on the status of the case.

Antony Raju

When the petition came up for hearing, the prosecution submitted that the petition was not maintainable as it had been filed by a third party.

The petitioner, George from Thrissur, had no locus standi to move the court. If he had any complaint, he should have approached the magistrate court or the district court.

The court then asked could it ignore the pleas of the petition when it had a bearing on the administration of justice. The trial got prolonged for many years. Could a right of the third party be denied when it came to expediting the trial.

Ragging: University suspends 20 students

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

The College of Agriculture at the Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University has suspended 20 of its students from the hostel for allegedly ragging junior students.

The university issued an order to this effect on Thursday. According to the order, the 20 students from the B.Sc (Hons) Agriculture course were allegedly involved in various forms of ragging, from minor to severe, such as making juniors write records to performing objectionable acts.

Wishing prosperity

Strong resolve: Women devotees performing *kumkuma pooja* on the occasion of the first Sravana Sukravaram at Sri Kanyaka Parameswari temple in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh on Friday. • K.R. DEEPAK

Over ₹32,000 cr. spent on Kapu welfare: Jagan

₹508 crore handed over to women

T. APPALA NAIDU
GOLLAPROLU (KAKINADA)

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Friday claimed that ₹32,296 crore, including ₹16,256 crore through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), had been spent for the welfare of Kapu community over the past three years in the State.

Mr. Jagan deposited ₹508 crore to 3.38 lakh women belonging to the Kapu, Ontari, Balija and Telaga communities under the third-phase YSR Kapu Nestham scheme here on Friday by clicking a button.

Addressing the gathering at a public meeting, Mr. Jagan alleged that the budgets presented during N. Chandrababu Naidu's regime were "magical" on the welfare of the Kapus. The present government had released ₹1,492 crore through YSR Kapu Nestham alone since 2019, he claimed.

"The schemes like YSR Kapu Nestham have not been promised in the two-page manifesto, but we are committed for the welfare of the Kapus. It's a government for the poor, farmers and the women", said Mr. Jagan.

"A majority of the financial aid is being disbursed through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Mr. Naidu's government too adopted similar method, titled DPT – Dochuko (rob), Panchuko (distribute) and Tinuko (swindle). The DPT was meant for the TDP and its supporters," he alleged.

"Every penny is being received by the eligible beneficiary through the DBT. The Opposition's remarks on Andhra heading towards a financial crisis like Sri Lanka are part of the political campaign," the CM said.

FROM PAGE ONE

Karnataka for NIA probe into Praveen's murder

The family of the deceased too had urged the Chief Minister to hand over the probe to the NIA when he met the family on Thursday.

More checkposts

Mr. Bommai said it was decided to install more checkposts along the Karnataka-Kerala border and CCTV cameras in sensitive areas of Dakshina Kannada district. Both States shared border routes in more than 50 locations. The police would camp in sensitive areas while an additional unit of the KSRP battalion would be deployed to maintain law and order in the district, he said.

Five killed at irrigation site in Telangana

Crane bucket with concrete mixture fell on them after cables snapped

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Five workers engaged by the contractor agency executing the Package-I works of Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS) were killed on Friday when the crane bucket carrying cement concrete fell on them after the cables snapped, at the work site pertaining to the underground pump house near Regumangadda village of Kollapur mandal in Telangana's Nagarkurnool district.

Of the deceased, three were from Jharkhand and one each was from Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. When contacted, Chief Engineer of the project M.A. Hameed Khan confirmed the incident and said the contract agency had shifted the injured to Hyderabad after the accident that took place in the early hours on Friday.

Relatives of the deceased workers waiting for the bodies at Osmania General Hospital, in Hyderabad. • NAGARA GOPAL

Family members of the deceased alleged that at least a couple of the injured could have been saved had there been timely help to shift them to hospital. They alleged that there was no response from the contract agency officials for about two hours.

A family member of one the deceased told *The Hindu* that they had been complaining about the weak cables of the crane for over a week now, with a request for their replacement but their pleas went unheard resulting in the mishap in the early hours of Friday, claiming five lives.

The deceased were identified as Bholenath (35), Praveen (38) and Kamlesh (36) from Jharkhand; Sonu Kumar (36) from Bihar, and D. Srinivas alias Seenu (40) of Nidadavole in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh.

The kin of the deceased demanded justice to their families as they had lost the earning members and said there was no word neither from the work agency nor from the government so far. A relative of Seenu said the deceased had four school going children – three daughters and a son – and their future had become bleak.

Fate of Madhu lynching case hangs by a thread

Rising concern over witnesses turning hostile; Madhu's family in anguish

ABDUL LATHEEF NAHA
PALAKKAD

The ongoing trial in the lynching case of Attappady Madhu in Kerala suffered yet another setback when one more witness turned hostile on Friday. With eight key witnesses backtracking from the statements they had given to the police, concerns are high about the fate of the case.

Kali Moopan, a forest watcher on contract, was the 18th witness who turned hostile on Friday. Seven other witnesses, including two forest watchers, had turned hostile since the trial of the case started at the SC/ST Special Court at Mannarkkad on June 8.

The Forest department recently sacked two other watchers for backtracking on their original statements during the trial. The department action, considered as a pre-emptive measure against any further forest staffer turning hostile during the case, proved futile when Kali Moopan changed his statement on Friday.

Madhu

Out of the eight witnesses who gave confidential statements before the magistrate, only the 13th witness, Suresh, stood by his original statement. The 17th witness, Jolly, who gave a confidential statement two days ago, too had turned hostile. Jolly had originally stated as having seen the accused bringing Madhu captive from the forest. All the witnesses who turned hostile during the trial said that they had given the statements under duress from the police.

Special public prosecutor Rajesh M. Menon said the case was losing its strength as witnesses continued to turn hostile. A witness protection scheme should be implemented to prevent the witnesses from turning hostile. According to Mr. Menon, the accused could influence the witnesses as they were out on bail.

Madhu's family, meanwhile, expressed despair over more and more witnesses turning hostile. His sister Sarasu, with tears in her eyes during a chat with the media the other day, said the witnesses were asking for huge amounts of money for not backtracking on their statements. There was pressure on the family against pressing the case. She said they had been threatened by some persons. Some accused had offered the family a house worth ₹40 lakh for withdrawing from the case.

It was on February 22, 2018 that Madhu from the Chindakki tribal hamlet near Mukkali, Attappady, was killed after he was caught, tied, and beaten up by a group of local people alleging theft.

Tumbling skeletons

The sacking of Partha Chatterjee might not be enough to brush aside charges of corruption

West Bengal's TMC dispensation has sought to distance itself from Partha Chatterjee, who is caught in the vortex of multiple corruption inquires by central agencies, by sacking him from the State cabinet and party positions, but that cuts no ice with the wider society. Skeletons tumbled out of his closet, as investigators seized at least ₹50 crore worth of cash and valuables from a close associate of Mr. Chatterjee, who has been a key power centre in the TMC. He was in charge of four portfolios in the State government and held several party posts including that of secretary general. TMC has weathered many storms – the Narada tapes and Saradha chit fund scam hit the party hard, but it won its second term comfortably in 2016; there were allegations of corruption over welfare schemes, but it got a third term last year beating back the BJP. There were a series of protests in several districts in 2020 where villagers accused TMC panchayat functionaries of taking money for availing of government benefits and disaster relief. The party managed to hold its ground as its matriarch Mamata Banerjee stayed above the fray, thanks to her reputation of austere simplicity. But that is no eternal guarantee of popularity or public trust, and the TMC's refusal to come to Mr. Chatterjee's defence is an admission of that fact.

It is unclear whether the seized cash and valuables are indeed proceeds of the crime that is currently being investigated by the CBI and the ED, but that is beside the point. The mere fact that a key functionary of the ruling party is linked to such enormous amounts of unaccounted wealth speaks to the rot that has set in the party, despite the ideals that Ms. Banerjee hopes to represent, not merely within West Bengal but across the country. The West Bengal School Service Commission scam involves multiple cases where irregularities in the recruitments for state-run schools had come to the fore from 2016 onwards. The allegations are that candidates who did well in the recruitment process held by the School Service Commission were sidelined and jobs were given for monetary and political considerations. The sacking of Mr. Chatterjee may not end the agony of TMC. In fact, it might only increase the difficulties for the party, even as the BJP designs newer strategies to plant its flag in West Bengal.

One-man rule

Tunisia is slipping into constitutional authoritarianism under Kais Saied

With over 94% voters backing a new Constitution that would see the return of a strong presidency, Tunisia's brief experiment with post-revolutionary parliamentary democracy has come to an end. President Kais Saied, who sacked the elected government of Prime Minister Hichem Mechichi and suspended Parliament last year (which he later dissolved), has been pushing for constitutional changes that would institutionalise his one-man rule. Over the past year, Mr. Saied has ruled the country through decrees, awarding himself more powers. He has fired many judges, seized independent institutions such as the election commission and sidelined political parties, including the Ennahda, the Islamist party which had the most number of elected representatives in the dissolved Parliament. With the new Constitution, which awards him ultimate authority to form governments, name Ministers, appoint judges and even present laws, Mr. Saied is set to rule Tunisia with unchecked powers. Tunisia was the shining example for a peaceful transition to democracy from dictatorship after the Arab Spring protests rocked many countries in West Asia and North Africa. While the rest witnessed foreign interventions, counter-revolutions or widespread chaos, Tunisia got a new Constitution and multiparty governments. But Mr. Saied, who also claims to represent the spirit of the 2011 revolution, has effectively taken the North African country back to absolute presidency, which could slip into constitutional authoritarianism.

When Mr. Saied, a former law professor with no political experience, was elected President in 2019, not many had expected him to rewrite the country's destiny in such a short span of time. When Tunisia fell into political instability amid a worsening economic and COVID-triggered healthcare crisis, Mr. Saied found an opportunity to expand his authority. He blamed the country's parliamentary system and the infighting among the political class for the problems Tunisia faced. His move to suspend parliamentary democracy was relatively popular at that time. But Tunisia has seen little progress under Mr. Saied's direct rule. His popularity has fallen from 82% last summer to 59% in April this year. The country's economy grew 2.9% in 2021, after a 9.2% contraction in the previous year. Unemployment is 16% and inflation, 8.1%. Faced with a growing fiscal deficit and a current account shortfall, the government is negotiating with the IMF for a $4 billion loan. But any cost-cutting measures that would come with the loan would be met with strong opposition by the country's powerful unions. The growing public discontent was visible in the referendum. Despite the regime's high-decibel propaganda, only 30% registered voters turned up at polling stations as most political parties had called for a boycott. Mr. Saied may have clinched a victory with the 'yes' vote, but with mounting economic ills, an alienated opposition and growing discontent among the public, he will find it difficult to steer Tunisia, still in its revolutionary fervour, through the storm. If he fails, he will have nobody to blame but himself.

We need to protect whistle blowers

Ignoring the fact that Right to Information users are facing death for keeping democracy alive is a threat to democracy itself

MADAN LOKUR

"Words, words, words" was Hamlet's reply to Polonius' question, "What do you read, my lord?" That is what our Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005, is being reduced to. The Centre for Law and Democracy classifies it among the top five laws in the world. The RTI empowers us to participate in the policymaking process, by providing access to information relating to the functioning of all public authorities. Ordinary citizens have used the law to make public authorities accountable and transparent in their functioning. In fact, the law has been used extensively by a cross section of citizens including activists, lawyers, bureaucrats, researchers, journalists and most importantly, ordinary folk. They all have been asking simple questions and pursuing answers on the use of public funds, and unearthing corruption of all kinds from the Panchayat level right up to Parliament. The widespread understanding and use of the RTI is a shining example of a participatory democracy in spite of our current realities.

The killing of activists

Unfortunately, the dangerous underside of the RTI is manifesting itself through violent reactions from entrenched interests and powerful lobbies. Since the implementation of the Act, some 100 RTI activists across the country have been killed and several are harassed on a daily basis. This is a reality of one of the strongest laws for democratic accountability that we must systematically address through strong legal and institutional safeguards.

Bihar is turning out to be one of the most dangerous States for RTI activists despite being one of the earliest promoters of the law. The State ranks first in the number of deaths of RTI users. As many as 20 RTI users have lost their lives since 2010 in different districts across Bihar. In 2018, six RTI users were killed for seeking information related to the functioning of public programmes and institutions. These brutal murders have not only raised an urgent question of the protection of people engaging with the system to seek accountability, but also of the state's responsibility to provide legal assistance, time-bound grievance redressal, compensation, and dignified access to justice to the families of those killed.

Earlier this month, civil society organisations organised a public hearing in Patna where families of the 'whistle blowers' disclosed that the whistle blowers had been working on issues of public importance and interest, exposing irregularities and corruption, pursuing transparency in the functioning of the Public Distribution System, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, Anganwadi centers, housing schemes, illegally operating health clinics and so on. They had been requesting information that should have been mandatorily disclosed to the public under Section

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4 of the RTI Act. Family members at the hearing also questioned the abdication of responsibility by the State government in assisting them to get justice in each case. After all, the whistle blowers were performing a basic civic duty of public vigilance that the government should encourage and initiate timely action on. The killing of RTI users and the intimidation of their family as they struggle for justice, in Bihar and other parts of the country, are reflective of the lack of action by the government and collusion of the police with powerful vested interests to deny, if not subvert, justice.

A new framework

We are living in a time where the government denies the existence of casualties emanating from its acts of omission and commission. This has prompted civil society to maintain lists of persons who lost their lives on account of demonetisation, COVID-19 and now RTI, so that the lives of the people, particularly the poor, are not remembered merely as numbers. We need to move beyond maintaining a count. We need to advocate for and move towards creating a socio-legal system that recognises RTI users under attack as human right defenders and build a framework that facilitates and protects them in their attempt to pursue issues of public interest. Otherwise, words in the RTI legislation will ring hollow.

There can be multiple components to such a framework, and it is time State governments take the lead without waiting for the Central government to set an example. First, State governments must direct law-enforcement agencies to expeditiously and in a time-bound manner complete investigations in all cases where RTI users are harassed. This must include making proactive efforts to provide adequate compensation to the victim's family.

Second, available evidence clearly shows that the information requested by the murdered RTI users was information that should have been mandatorily disclosed in the public domain under Section 4 of the RTI Act. Therefore, the State governments must take immediate efforts to institutionalise proactive disclosure of actionable information. Is this possible? Rajasthan has taken the lead in active disclosure. Its Jan Soochna portal subsequently followed by Karnataka's Mahiti Kanaja are outstanding examples of practical ways of mandatory disclosure.

Third, in all cases of threats, attacks or killings of RTI users, the State Information Commission must immediately direct the relevant public authorities to disclose and publicise all the questions raised and the answers given to the user. Giving wide publicity to such information may potentially act as a deterrent against attacks on RTI users, as perpetrators get the message that rather than covering up the matter, any attack would invite even greater public scrutiny.

Effective legislation

Last, there is an urgent need to enact an effective legislation to protect whistle blowers. In 2016, a Supreme Court bench of Justice T.S. Thakur and Justice A.K. Sikri came down heavily on the Union government for its reluctance in notify the Whistle Blowers Protection Act of 2014, but unfortunately to no avail. The Supreme Court observed that there was an "absolute vacuum" which could not be allowed to go on. The Central government was called upon to decide on a specific time frame to establish an administrative set-up to protect whistle blowers. The court recognised that the concept of a whistle blower is a global phenomenon and has become a reality. It cannot be wished away. Words, words, words that have no effect on the Central government. Eight years have gone by and the proposed Act has not been notified.

Given this reality, State governments, such as those of Bihar and Maharashtra, which have recorded the highest number of murders of RTI activists, must introduce their own mechanisms for protecting whistle blowers by enacting at least a State-level whistle blower protection law. Ignoring the plight of RTI users facing death for keeping our democracy alive is a threat to democracy itself.

Justice Madan B. Lokur, a former judge of the Supreme Court of India, is presently a judge of the Supreme Court of Fiji

Overcoming the Aryan-Dravidian divide

Many eminent scholars, both local and international, have written about the Dravidian movement's colonial origins

ADITHYA REDDY

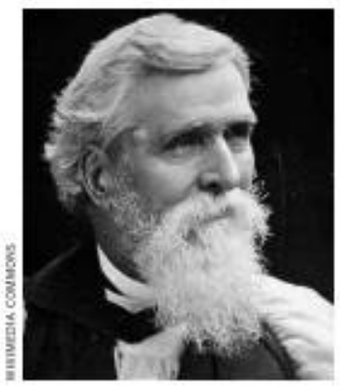
The Governor of Tamil Nadu has been criticised by some for expressing his views on the Aryan-Dravidian divide. Some have gone to the extent of calling this political interference. This is unfair. Expressing one's views on a sensitive issue cannot be construed as political interference.

What the Governor has done through his comment, however, is disturb the popular view that former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C.N. Annadurai's forsaking of the demand for a separate Dravidian state was only a practical compromise, and that Aryans and Dravidians continue to remain racially different people. The eminent historian, P.T. Srinivasa Iyengar, never subscribed to this view, even though he maintained that cultural differences existed between the Vedic and non-Vedic people. In *Pre-Aryan Tamil Culture*, he wrote, "A careful study of the Vedas... reveals the fact that Vedic culture is so redolent of the Indian soil and of the Indian atmosphere that the idea of the non-Indian origin of that culture is absurd."

The Governor called the Aryan-Dravidian divide a handiwork of the British, which has been criticised as toeing the Hindutva line on the issue. This criticism is also unfair because many eminent scholars, both local and international, have written about the Dravidian movement's colonial origins. The linguistic theory, unscientific histories of racial origins, the politics of the non-Brahmin movement and the modern rationalism of the self-respect movement all have deep roots in colonial thought.

Caldwell's philology

One of the key early proponents of the idea of Dravidian language family as a scientific entity was Robert Caldwell, in 1856. Many may not know that 40 years before Caldwell, Francis Whyte Ellis, the Collector of Madras, had already laid the foundation for Caldwell's theories through his writings. The American historian Thomas Trautmann writes, "Ellis's Dravidian proof is a dissertation... [in which] we see more clearly the relation between the languages-and-nations project and the properly Orientalist scholarship of the British in India." This "languages-and-nations project", or tendency to link languages to nations, is, according to Trautmann, "not a matter of pure science freeing itself from the shackles of religion, as it has often been represented...[but] its deep roots are in the Bible, in the genealogy of the nations that descended from Noah and his three sons." Even more problematic is the languages-and-race project. Trautmann says about this, "European view of race as a fundamental force of history had a deep effect on the interpretation of Indian history, and what I have called the racial theory of Indian civilization... how much text torturing is necessary to sustain the idea of the encounter of Indo-European and Dravidian languages in India as racial in character, and how false is its racially essentializing identification of civilization with whiteness and savagery with



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dark complexion."

How far politics has overtaken science and history is clear from the fact the one can hardly find mainstream criticism of Caldwell's philology today. Just a decade after Caldwell's work was published, Charles E. Grover of the Royal Asiatic Society wrote in his famous work on Tamil folk songs, "[about] the true character of the language and linguistic progress made since the publication of Dr. Caldwell's book, it may be noted that the learned Doctor gives an appendix containing a considerable number of Dravidian words which he asserts to be Scythian... It is now known that every word in this list is distinctly Aryan."

Colonial masters

It was works of missionaries like Caldwell and G.U. Pope that British authorities exploited for political needs. As Director of The Hindu Publishing Group, N. Ram notes in a paper in the *Economic and Political Weekly* in 1979, influenced by these works, "the brutally repressive Governor", Mountstuart Elphinstone Grant-Duff, looked at the non-Brahmins during his 1868 address to the graduates of the University of Madras and said, "you are of pure Dravidian race" and "I should like to see the pre-Sanskrit element amongst you asserting itself more".

The eminent Cambridge historian, David Washbrook, identified the roots of Dravidian or non-Brahmin politics not in historic fault lines that were supposedly plaguing Tamil society but in "the novel types of government and politics which developed under the British in the early years of the present century." According to Washbrook, it was the centralisation of bureaucracy in late 19th century Madras that led to fear among British civilians of "caste cliques" which could now control not only the districts but the entire province. So, the policy had to be 'divide and rule'. That important leaders of the non-Brahmin movement were influenced either by colonial inheritance or narrow interests is best illustrated by Rajmohan Gandhi's description of one of its founders, T.M. Nair, "entering politics as a congressman...holding brahmins responsible for an electoral reverse... he left the congress and became one of SILF's founders... always found in western attire, a practice yet to spread among south Indian men. In a series of articles...he argued that British authority had kept India united" and "tried to convince Montagu that the Home Rule league was financed by German money."

To the modern paradigm

Scholars like Ashis Nandy have for long highlighted the importance of unclear and overlapping identities in pre-modern India as sources of tolerance. Washbrook gave concrete examples and concluded as follows: "In his manual on Coimbatore district... F. A. Nicholson freely admitted his inability to separate 'true' Gounder Vellalas from the hosts of rich peasants who had adopted or were adopting Gounder ceremonies, dress and customs. In the census of 1891, Sir Harold Stuart noted the ability of the Nairs of Malabar to absorb immigrants... in a single generation without apparent friction... Similarly, Thurston recorded a famous Tamil proverb which describes the regular generational flow between the Maravar, Aghumudayar and Vellala castes. In more recent work, S. A. Barnett has suggested the diverse origins of those presently filling the category of Thondamandala Vellala... In these conditions, in which sub-regional varnas were so amorphous, the politics of caste confrontation were rare and circumscribed." In fact, in his famous *Castes and Tribes of Southern India*, Edgar Thurston said, "admissions to the Paraiyan caste from higher castes sometimes occur."

With modern rationalism came the need to enumerate and categorise. And with Western-style nationalism came the need to identify enemies. When one of the movement's great literary figures wrote in praise of Tamil, he also had to include a death wish for the "Aryan language". Many neutral observers have noticed parallels between Dravidian politics and other chauvinistic ideologies. Yet one does not see the same criticism of its ideology in mainstream intellectual circles as is normally reserved for other nationalist ideologies.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Pride and pettiness

It is a matter of pride that India is hosting the Chess Olympiad ("There has never been a better time for sport in India, says PM", July 29). I appreciate what our Prime Minister said, "In sports, there are no losers; there are winners and there are future winners." Such an event will motivate many youngsters to achieve their dreams in sport.

MERINTH AAMOSE. A,
Thiruvananthapuram

It is a pity that Pakistan boycotted the Chess Olympiad on the grounds that the torch relay passed through Jammu and Kashmir ("Pakistan pulls out of events", July 29). It is time for countries to realise that games are beyond such differences. This would have been a great platform for Pakistani players to exhibit their talent. This move deprives them of an opportunity to compete against some of the best and also experience the warmth of the host country and city.

RAJAKUMAR ARULANANDHAM,
Tirunelveli

While the Tamil Nadu government must be applauded for the arrangements, it could have avoided pettiness by displaying the Prime Minister's photo too on the posters. After all, this event is a matter of pride for the country and the State that the Chess Olympiad is being held here. The participants from India are representing the country, not their respective States. Equally petty is Pakistan's decision to withdraw from the tournament for such a silly reason.

K. RAMACHANDRAN,
Chennai

Shocking negligence

The incident is shocking ("39 M.P. children get jab with same syringe", July 30). This is gross negligence. The matter should be investigated urgently. Using the same syringe for various people puts patients in danger of contracting hepatitis C, hepatitis B, HIV, etc. The children should be continuously monitored.

DIVYANSHA SHARMA,
Ujjain

War of words

It is shameful to see Parliament stoop to such low levels ("Lok Sabha sees tussle by Cong. chief, Smriti Irani", July 29). While Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's remark was not right, he said he would apologise to the President. The heckling of Congress chief Sonia Gandhi was uncalled for. Whatever the matter, she should have been treated with respect, especially given her position and age. And it was unnecessary for the National Commission for Women to wade into this issue when there are much more pressing issues to deal with.

D. SETHUKAMAN,
Chennai

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Token prohibition takes a toll in Gujarat

The hooch tragedy that snuffed out 45 lives in Ahmedabad and Botad districts again lays bare the hollowness of the State prohibition law. While the affluent access premium alcohol through a time-tested network of bootleggers, the system leaves the underclass most vulnerable, reports **Mahesh Langa**

Dinesh Virgama's mother (in blue saree) mourning the death of her son, along with a relative outside her home in Rojid village, in Gujarat. (Below): A relative of Dinesh Virgama clicks a picture of the deceased's photograph that is in a frame kept at his home after he died drinking hooch (illicit liquor) in Rojid village. • VIJAY SONEJI

Jigar Dungrani, all of 27, has done alright in life so far. He owns more than 60 acres of farmland. He hails from a political family – his father, Dharmesh, heads the Barwala taluka unit of the Congress, mother Ranjanben is the leader of Opposition in the taluka panchayat. The young Patel himself is the sarpanch of Rojid village, 126 km away from Ahmedabad, on the highway to Bhavnagar. But Dungrani is going around with an incensed look these days. Rojid, a settlement of 3,500-odd people, is among the villages dotting Botad and Ahmedabad districts where an avoidable tragedy is unfolding. Twelve people have died here after drinking countrymade liquor or hooch laced with chemicals on the evening of July 25; the overall toll in half-a-dozen villages of rural Ahmedabad and Botad districts is 45 dead and counting; over 75 are still battling for their lives in various hospitals in Ahmedabad and Bhavnagar.

In March this year, in a letter to the local police, Dungrani had warned about the easy access to liquor in the village. "I had repeatedly made representations to the police and revenue authorities about bootleggers having a free run of the village," he said. Every time, the police would conduct a raid on bootleggers or local breweries.

"It's like a fixed match between the cops and the bootleggers. On paper, the police would claim Rojid village is peopled by teetotallers but in reality, take a round in the evening and you would come across at least 50 persons completely drunk and roaming the village streets," he said.

Deaths in a village

Rojid village, with a double-digit death toll, presents a picture of all-pervading grief and despair.

Rajubhai Virgama, 50, is sitting with a bunch of people in his house, mourning the death of his younger brother Dinesh. The deceased, a daily wager who used to work in the village farms owned by Patels or Patidars, the dominant caste in the village, has left behind a two-and-a-half-year-old boy. Dinesh's wife left for another man when the boy was barely a year old.

"He bought a *potli* (plastic pouch containing 250 ml liquor) and drank on Monday night (July 25). Next morning, he had to be taken to Bhavnagar hospital where he died within a few hours," said Rajubhai, who is deputy sarpanch of the village and runs a grocery shop.

"*Potli* culture has destroyed us. Those who died are extremely poor, landless labourers who used to work as daily wagers in the farms. They have no other source of livelihood," said 60-year-old Maganbhai Parmar, whose nephew Shanti Parmar, 50, was also among the casualties.

"My father came from Ahmedabad. The family members had gathered in the native village for a religious ceremony. He [Shanti Parmar] drank one *potli* and died in his bed. We are very poor and have no land. We work as labourers in the farms owned by Patels. Many of us don't even have our own house," said Kamla, Shanti's daughter.

For Mavji Chavda in Akru village nearby, the loss of his two sons to hooch is a tragedy he said his family would possibly never recover from. "What can we say now?" the inconsolable 69-year-old told presspersons after performing their last rites.

Ironically enough, another victim from the village was 32-year-old Vipulbhai Kavathiya, a bootlegger who used to sell countrymade liquor to the villagers.

Brief conversations with the grieving families brought out the ugly side of the prohibition policy in Gujarat. They talked about the thriving nexus of bootleggers or liquor mafias and the police with the blessings of the political class. Furious villagers blamed the police for turning a blind eye to the growing menace of bootleggers who freely supply and sell locally-brewed liquor that is often laced with chemicals to the poor and daily wagers who cannot afford Indian-made foreign liquor (IMFL) and imported spirits.

Asked about easy availability of liquor in the village given the prohibition in the State, those sitting in the verandah of Virgama's house sipping tea and smoking *beedi* said in one voice that liquor flows like water in the villages. "Either enforce the prohibition strictly and don't allow any bootlegging anywhere or remove it completely and let everyone drink if they want to," Virgama said.

Investigation and arrests

Police investigation has revealed that the spurious liquor was supplied from Chokdi village, a major hub of manufacturing and supply of countrymade liquor in the area. It was made by mixing water with methyl alcohol or methanol, a highly poisonous industrial solvent, and sold to villagers for ₹20 per pouch.

The FIRs lodged by police name bootleggers who were allegedly involved in supplying the hooch to the villages.

However, villagers contended that

there have been many more deaths than what's being counted in Gandhinagar. "There are a few people who died even before reaching any hospital. The real number would be very high," said Rajubhai, deputy sarpanch of Rojid.

The police swung into action with multiple FIRs lodged under the State prohibition law and various sections of the IPC.

At least 38 persons have been booked, out of which 15 have been arrested and charged with IPC sections such as 302 (murder), 328 (causing hurt by means of poison) and Section 67 (1a) of the Gujarat Prohibition Act for adulteration of alcohol and preparing of hooch.

The police, however, have not invoked Section 66 of the Prohibition Act in the FIRs, which covers consumption of liquor in the State, as that would have resulted in the victims being booked as well, for consuming the alcohol.

Besides the arrests, the State government, in a bid to show decisive action, suspended six police officials and transferred two IPS officers, the Superintendents of Police of Ahmedabad (Rural) and Botad.

"We are committed to prohibition and would never compromise on its implementation," declared Gujarat's Junior Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi on Wednesday. He said the police will file a charge sheet in 10 days to ensure quick justice and the government will also appoint a special public prosecutor to fight the case.

The Ahmedabad-Botad hooch tragedy is the worst in Gujarat in a decade. The last major hooch calamity was reported from Surat in 2016 when more than 20 migrant textiles workers had died after consuming adulterated alcohol in rural Surat.

Earlier, in 2009, more than 150 people had died in Ahmedabad in Gujarat's worst hooch tragedy. Previous major tragedies include the death of 132 people in Vadodara and 32 in Viramgam, Ahmedabad in 1989 and of over a hundred people in Ahmedabad in 1976. However, every year, around 8-10 persons die of hooch in the State.

Law and amendments

In India, Gujarat is one of the 'dry' States where manufacturing and sale of liquor is banned. As per the Gujarat Prohibition Act, 1949, police can arrest a person for purchasing, consuming, or serving alcohol without a valid permit with punishment ranging from three months to five years in prison.

A 2017 amendment stipulated that people who create a ruckus or harass others in an inebriated condition could face a jail term of up to three years and not less than a year. The law also empowers the police to arrest persons entering from other States in a drunken state.

An earlier amendment enacted in 2009 after adulterated liquor killed 157 persons in Ahmedabad made the manufacture, stocking and even transportation of "*laththa*", a countrymade brew, a capital offence if it resulted in deaths of people who consumed the brew. "When there has been death of any person by the consumption of the said laththa (hooch)... the person who has manufactured, kept, sold or arranged to make a drink or distributed *laththa*, shall, on conviction, be punished with death or imprisonment for life and shall also be liable to fine," the law states.

Gujarat, from where Gandhi hailed, is perhaps the only one in the country to have prohibition since 1960, after the reorganisation of Bombay into the separate States of Maharashtra and Gujarat.

The political consensus

In Bihar, which has hogged the headlines in recent years after it became a 'dry' State in 2016, there have been calls from several quarters both in the ruling and opposition ranks for a relook after prohibition-related cases choked the judicial system and hooch killed hundreds over the past six years, including at least 115 people this year alone. In Gujarat, however, there is near consensus on prohibition among all the major political parties and political figures. Even a new player in the State's political landscape, Arvind Kejriwal, whose Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is trying to gain a foothold in the upcoming Assembly election this year, said if voted to power, the AAP government would "actually implement the prohibition law which is just on paper under the BJP regime".

No political party or politician worth his salt in Gujarat can afford to oppose the prohibition law, which is closely attached to the tag of the State being "safe" on the law-and-order front and vis-à-vis women.

Lately, in what is the fag end of a long political innings, former Chief Minister and Union Minister Shankersinh Vaghela has become an unlikely ambassador for removing prohibition in the State. In his heyday, Vaghela boasted about implementing the policy strictly as Chief Minister during the mid-1990s and eliminating Abdul Latif, Gujarat's largest liquor bootlegger and mafia don of the time, in a police encounter. He now advocates that the tax accruals from alcohol sales could be spent on the poor and marginalised and to help improve health, education and other social indices in which the State is a laggard.

"Prohibition law shows our hypocrisy. It is the single biggest source of corruption running into thousands of crores of rupees per year in the State. The government and the Opposition should come forward and have a dialogue with stakeholders and do away with it," Vaghela said after the recent deaths.

The former Chief Minister claimed that every year, bootleggers pay around ₹5,000 crore to the police as "*hafta*" or bribe to ply their illicit trade.

Entrenched interests

Every year, the police conduct raids periodically and recover IMFL worth ₹100-₹150 crore smuggled from States such as Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh apart from the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

The State government, during the budget session of the Assembly in March this year, provided figures of IMFL and countrymade liquor recovered in the last two years. IMFL worth ₹215.62 crore (1.06 crore bottles) and ₹4.33 crore (19.34 lakh litres) countrymade liquor have been recovered from across the State.

A retired IPS officer contends that prohibition in Gujarat is a win-win situation for all stakeholders except the people of the State. "Police can make money all the way from a constable to an SP, IG and above; a major slice of the booty is shared with politicians too," he said, explaining the deeply entrenched interests at play.

Another major reason, said a serving IPS officer, is that the government in power can potentially use the law to target political opponents. "It's a deadly law. It can be used against opponents – the latest case being that of Isudan Gadhvi," the officer said, referring to the senior Gujarat AAP leader's booking under the Prohibition Act in January.

Lens on the law

In 2018 and 2019, several petitions were filed in the Gujarat High Court by residents of Vadodara and Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar challenging the State's prohibition law.

The petitioners have sought to challenge the law on the ground of privacy contending that any invasion by the State in an individual's right to choice of food and beverage amounts to an unreasonable restriction and violates the right to privacy. The petitioners have challenged the constitutional validity of various sections of the Gujarat Prohibition Act, 1949, including Sections 12 and 13 (total prohibition on manufacture, purchase, import, transportation, export, sale, possession, use and consumption of liquor) and sought them to be declared as ultra vires Article 246 of the Constitution.

"With expanding interpretation of the right to life, personal liberty and privacy, as contained in Article 21 of the Constitution, a citizen has a right to choose how he lives, so long as he is not a nuisance to the society. The state cannot dictate what he will eat and what he will drink," stated one of the petitions.

In August 2021, the Division Bench of the High Court admitted the petitions and agreed to hear them on merits despite the State government questioning their maintainability. The petitions were to be heard from October 2021 by the Division Bench but the elevation of the then Chief Justice Vikram Nath, who was part of the Bench, to the Supreme Court put the issue on the back burner.

While the petitions await hearing and a possible reconstitution of the Division Bench, several noted social activists and social workers have also filed two separate civil applications supporting the continued imposition of prohibition in the State.

The class dynamic

The dynamics of prohibition are a function of both geography and class.

On the one hand is the hooch or spurious liquor that is brewed locally and supplied in plastic pouches, catering to those at the bottom of the pyramid in villages and urban areas. The hooch is often prone to adulteration and results in human tragedies such as the one that unfolded on July 25.

On the other is a sprawling and extremely efficient network of bootleggers and liquor mafias ostensibly operating underground but able to deliver high-end IMFL and imported brands to the middle- and upper-middle-class drinkers' home in any part of the State.

Moreover, the State has issued permits on health grounds to more than 50,000 people who can consume stipulated quantities of alcohol to be purchased from licensed liquor shops operating from select five-star hotels and resorts. Most of those holding such permits are upper-middle-class residents of cities such as Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara and Rajkot. The anti-prohibition petitions in High Court flag this skewed scenario where the State government has allowed a class of permit holders, including tourists, to consume alcohol while denying others access.

A resident of any posh locality in Ahmedabad can order alcohol and have it delivered at home within a few hours. A resident from the city's western parts, who regularly sources premium liquor from his bootlegger, said that with the right contacts, a bottle is just a call away. "It's like ordering food on Swiggy or Zomato."

FROM PAGE ONE

A strong govt. does not control everything: PM

The COVID-19 pandemic was an unprecedented event that tested every country. "India faced the unknown confidently, thanks to its scientists, healthcare workers, professionals and common people. As a result, today, every sector in India is bursting with new life. Whether it is industry, innovation, investments or international trade, India is at the forefront. Our industry has risen to the occasion," Mr. Modi said.

Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, Higher Education Minister K. Ponmudy, Union Minister of State L. Murugan and Vice-Chancellor Velraj participated.

Parliament paralysed as parties step up attack

While BJP seeks apology from Sonia, Cong. continues protest against govt.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Both the Houses of Parliament had to be adjourned on Friday as the Congress-led Opposition and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) hardened their positions over the face-off between Sonia Gandhi and Smriti Irani over Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's remark on President Droupadi Murmu.

The Congress leader had referred to President Murmu as "Rashtrapatni".

In both the Houses, the ruling party members including Ministers were on their seats, demanding an apology from the Congress chief. The Congress MPs, on the other hand, demanded an apology from the Union Minister for allegedly 'heckling' Ms. Gandhi in the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge shot off a letter to Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu, questioning how Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal were allowed to refer to Ms. Gandhi, who is a member of Lok Sabha, in the Upper House.

"In this regard, I wish to draw your attention to ruling made by R. Venkataraman the-then Hon'ble Chairman of Rajya Sabha on 15 April, 1987 wherein he *inter alia* observed 'No person who is not a member of this House can be referred to in the House in a derogatory manner or in any other way affecting his reputation. I also request that they tender their apology for their violation of sacrosanct conventions of the House'...I also request that they tender their apology for their violation of sacrosanct conventions of the House ," Mr. Kharge said in his letter.

Political row: Members of the Rajya Sabha protesting in the House during the ongoing Monsoon Session on Friday. • PTI

Din in Rajya Sabha

The Rajya Sabha was adjourned for the tenth day without taking up any major business .

The Opposition members demanded a discussion on the hooch tragedy in Gujarat and on the price rise while ruling party members were shouting slogans against Ms. Gandhi and sought an apology from her.

In the Lok Sabha, Opposition members, mostly Congress MPs, came into the Well shouting slogans against the government. Women members of the BJP, who were standing in the second row of the Treasury Benches, too stood up and shouted counter slogans.

Kirit Solanki, who was in the chair, requested the members to go back to their seats and eventually, adjourned the House till 12.

When the uproar continued after proccedings resumed, Rajendra Agarwal, who was presiding over the proceedings, allowed laying of Parliamentary papers and adjourned the House till Monday. The principal Opposition party's aggressive stance followed a meeting of the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) that was chaired by Ms. Gandhi.

The Congress members then staged a protest in front of Mahatma Gandhi's statue inside the Parliament complex.

Adhir apologises to President

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Friday apologised to President Droupadi Murmu in a letter and said he had used an incorrect word to describe the post she held by mistake. He had used the word 'Rashtrapatni' for the President.

Sources said Mr. Chowdhury's formal apology was a sign that the logjam in Parliament could end soon and the Lok Sabha may take up the discussion on price rise on Monday and the Rajya Sabha a day later.

Separately, he wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to allege that Ms. Murmu was "unnecessarily dragged" into a controversy for political one-upmanship by the ruling party and complained that Union Minister Smriti Irani referred to the President Murmu inappropriately.

Remove defamatory tweets against Irani: HC

Cong. leaders told to do it in 24 hours

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday asked Congress leaders Jairam Ramesh, Pawan Khera and Netta D'Souza to remove the alleged defamatory tweets and posts from social media platforms in relation to the allegations made against Union Minister Smriti Irani and her daughter.

Justice Mini Pushkarna also issued summons to the Congress leaders on a civil defamation suit filed by the Union Minister seeking damages of over ₹2 crore for making "baseless allegations" that her daughter ran a bar illegally in Goa.

The High Court said that in case the Congress leaders did not comply with the directions within 24 hours, social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook and YouTube will take down the defamatory material.

The Congress leaders had alleged that Smriti Irani's 18-year-old daughter, Zoish Irani, ran a bar illegally in Goa and also demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi sack her from his Cabinet over the issue.

On July 24, Ms. Irani, who holds the portfolio of Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Minority Affairs, had sent legal notices to the Congress leaders demanding them to apologise for their "baseless and false" allegations against her and her daughter. Ms. Irani had cautioned that if the Congress leaders do not tender an unconditional and unequivocal apology and withdraw their allegations, she will initiate civil and criminal proceedings against them.

Teach law, medicine in regional languages: Shah

'It will unlock full potential of people'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday that promotion of regional languages was essential to unlock the full potential of Indian talent, saying 95% received primary education in their mother tongue.

He said law, medicine and engineering should be taught in Indian languages. Research and development could only be done when one thinks in his own language, and this was one of the reasons that India was lagging in research field.

He was speaking on the second anniversary of the launch of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP).

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the NEP 2020 was a counter to the Macaulay education system that was brought by the British to colonise the minds of Indians.

Modi unveils India's first global bullion exchange

Move could lead to standard gold pricing in the country

MAHESH LANGA
GANDHINAGAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched the India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX), a first in the country and NSE IFSC-SGX Connect at Gandhinagar's GIFT city, an international financial services hub set up by the Gujarat government outside the State capital.

Grand launch: Narendra Modi with Nirmala Sitharaman during the foundation stone laying ceremony in Gandhinagar. • AP

India is the world's second biggest consumer of gold and the move to set up the IIBX is seen as India's effort to bring transparency to the market for the precious metal. Moreover, setting up of IIBX could lead to standard gold pricing in the country and make it easier for small bullion dealers and jewellers to trade in the precious metal.

India is a leading importer of the metal and imported 1,069 tonnes of gold in 2021, up from 430 tonnes a year ago. The yellow metal is tightly regulated in the country and currently only nominated banks and agencies approved by the Reserve Bank Of India can import gold and sell to dealers and jewellers across the country.

While launching the new exchange and laying foundation stone for new projects in GIFT city, his pet project, Mr. Modi said that India is among the biggest economies in the world and is now joining the league of global financial centres like the United States, the United Kingdom and Singapore.

Foundation stone laid

He laid the foundation stone of the headquarters building of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), the country's first and only IFSC in line with those in UAE, Singapore and Hong Kong.

"Today in the 21st century, finance and technology are linked to each other. And when it comes to technology, in science and software, India has an edge and experience. Today, India alone has 40% share in real-time digital payments all over the world," he said at the event.

"India is one of the world's leading economies and will become even bigger going forward; we should build institutions that can cater to our present and future roles," the Prime Minister said.

Congress seeks judicial probe into hooch tragedy

Over 40 people have died in Gujarat

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Alleging that illicit liquor trade was "flourishing" in Gujarat under the protection of "ruling forces," the Congress on Friday demanded a probe by a sitting High Court judge into the death of over 40 people due to consumption of spurious liquor earlier this week.

Taking to Twitter, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, "Consumption of spurious liquor has ruined many households in the 'dry State' of Gujarat. Drugs worth billions are being recovered regularly from there. It is a matter of great shame that in the land of Bapu and Sardar Patel, who are these people engaged in the indiscriminate selling of intoxicants? Which ruling forces are giving protection to these mafia?"

Echoing him, party general secretary and his sister, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, also attacked the BJP. "By putting the label of prohibition on the top, who are the people of the government giving protection to the illicit liquor business? The BJP government is running away from the question of providing protection to illicit liquor business," she wrote on Twitter.

Pawan Khera

Addressing a press conference, Congress' media department head Pawan Khera and Rajya Sabha member Amee Yajnik urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to speak up on the deaths due to spurious liquor and meet families of the victims during his visit to Gujarat on Friday. Mr. Khera said it had come to light that 600 litres of methyl alcohol (methanol) was brought from Ahmedabad to Botad district after which water was mixed in it and it was sold in different areas due to which people either lost their lives or suffered kidney damage.

Metro shed at Aarey: 2 FIRs on protesters

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Mumbai police on Friday registered two First Information Reports (FIRs) naming residents for protesting against the cutting of trees and construction work for the Metro 3 car shed depot.

Confirming this, Deputy Commissioner of Police Somnath Gharge told *The Hindu*, "We have registered two FIRs – one is against three people for trespassing on the site of Metro car shed depot and the other is against 19 people for protesting last night." The protesters were booked under Section 37 of the Bombay Police Act which prohibits assembly of people for the preservation of public order.

However, Section 144 of the Cr.PC has not been imposed in the area.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, revoked the stay order dated November 29, 2019 (by then then CM Uddhav Thackeray) and directed the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited to start work again at the Metro car depot site.

'Demolish 48 obstacles on flight path'

THE HINDU BUREAU
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Friday directed the Collector to take steps to demolish 48 obstacles on flight path in Mumbai.

A Division Bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice M. S. Karnik was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by advocate Yeshwant Shenoy pointing out that there are blatant violations of air safety regulations by the Airport Authority of India (AAI) and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

The PIL alleges that AAI has given illegal height clearance for about 200 buildings in violation of their own regulations as well as the regulations of the DGCA.

The PIL states these clearances have resulted in the conversion of the Mumbai Airfield into a 'Minefield' and with the outdated obstacle mapping (mapped in 2000).

The PIL further states that pilots are flying blind and if any of the aircraft crashes into any of these buildings, it will result in catastrophe.

The Bench noted the obstacles include buildings whose height will have to be reduced. The court has directed the Collector to file an affidavit of compliance by August 19.

CPI flags need for Opposition unity

Reconsider election strategies, Raja tells Congress; highlights economic situation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The draft political resolution (DPR) of the CPI, released here on Friday ahead of the party's 24th Congress scheduled to be held in Vijayawada in October, focuses on an alternative economic programme for the country.

CPI general secretary D. Raja said the economy is in shambles. To avoid a Sri Lanka-like situation, steps have to be taken on an urgent basis to save the economy, he said. He asked the Congress to understand the importance of Opposition unity and urged it to reconsider its election strategies, such as the decision to field Mr. Rahul Gandhi in Wayanad against a CPI candidate.

D. Raja

Addressing presspersons here at the CPI headquarters, Mr. Raja said the CPI's DPR is about what could be done in the given situation and in the emerging situation. "State of economy is in shambles and all the national assets and PSUs are being sold. Modi government is pursuing aggressive neoliberal economics. There is a need to project an alternative economic programme," Mr. Raja said.

When asked how the Left will be able to push such a programme without power, he said the question is about the survival of the working people and the peasantry.

"We will mobilise people on these economic issues that have an impact on the livelihood of the people," he said. The alternative also talks about building cooperatives among small producers and strengthening public sector and States.

The DPR observed that class, caste and patriarchy are the fundamental issues in Indian society. "2024 elections are crucial for the country," Mr. Raja said, and added that Left unity has become a must in the emerging situation. "We emphasise that unless we built a strong Left, it will be difficult to rally other democratic forces," Mr. Raja said.

The CPI urged the Congress to go back to the Nehruvian model of economy against the BJP's aggressive neoliberal policies. "These issues should be dealt with ideologically to come at a solid understanding among Opposition parties," the document said.

No word yet on the next Chief Justice

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana has less than a month left in his tenure which saw a flurry of judicial appointments to the Supreme Court and High Courts, hard-hitting speeches by the Mr. Ramana along with timely interventions by the top court. He retires on August 26.

However, there is no word in the public domain about the beginning of the process to appoint his successor.

As per seniority criterion, Justice U.U. Lalit is in line to be the next CJI. Justice Lalit, if appointed, would have a tenure of hardly three months. He retires on November 8, 2022.

The 'Memorandum of Procedure of Appointment of Supreme Court Judges' says "appointment to the office of the Chief Justice of India should be of the senior most Judge of the Supreme Court considered fit to hold the office".

The process, according to the Memorandum, begins with the Union Law Minister seeking the recommendation of the outgoing CJI about the next appointment. The Minister has to seek the CJI's recommendation "at the appropriate time". The Memorandum does not elaborate or specify a timeline.

'SC Collegium reiterated 13 names for HC judges'

Eight were appointed, says Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The government has appointed 61 judges in the higher judiciary out of the 127 names recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium between December 1 last year and July 26, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said on Friday.

Vacancies of judges in high courts do keep on arising on account of retirement, resignation or elevation of judges and also due to increase in the strength of judges

KIREN RIJIJU
Union Law Minister

Besides these 127 fresh recommendations, the top court collegium also reiterated 13 names in the same period of which eight appointments have been made, Mr. Rijiju said in a written reply.

140 recommendations

"During the period December 1, 2021 to July 26, 2022, the Supreme Court Collegium has recommended 140 names (127 fresh and 13 reiterated)," he said.

"Out of 127 fresh recommendations, 61 appointments have been made including extension of term of one additional judge and 66 cases, which have been recommended by Supreme Court Collegium recently, are at various stages of processing with the government," the Union Minister said. Trinamool Congress member Kalyan Banerjee was one of the two members, who had posed a query on judicial posts lying vacant.

Filling up of vacancies in the high courts is a continuous, integrated and collaborative process between the Executive and the Judiciary, Mr. Rijiju said, adding that the process requires consultation and approval from various Constitutional authorities both at the State and Central level.

"While every effort is made to fill up the existing vacancies expeditiously, vacancies of judges in high courts do keep on arising on account of retirement, resignation or elevation of judges and also due to increase in the strength of judges," Mr. Rijiju said.

Pending cases

In response to another question on pendency of cases, the Union Minister said the district and subordinate courts have over 4.23 crore cases pending.

While 72,062 cases are pending in Supreme Court as on July 1, 59,55,873 cases were pending in the 25 high courts as on July 25.

In all, a total of over 4.83 crore cases are pending across various courts.

Left unions to stage protests against Centre

They plan to conduct a joint national convention in Delhi on September 5

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The mass organisations affiliated with the CPI(M), the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) and All India Agricultural Workers' Union (AIAWU) have decided to conduct "joint countrywide agitations" against the Centre in the first two weeks of August.

The leaders of the three organisations, Tapan Sen, Hannan Mollah and B. Venkat, told presspersons here on Friday that the "amrit" offered by the Centre on the 75th anniversary of Independence is divisiveness, anti-national policies and attacks against workers and marginalised people.

Aggressive policies

They said the Centre is aggressively pursuing policies that negate the aspirations and dreams of the lakhs of toiling people, the workers, peasants and agricultural workers and other sections of people who have sacrificed all that they had including their lives in the Independence struggle against British colonialism.

"We will campaign among the workers and peasants about the anti-freedom struggle role played by the RSS. We will also campaign about how the policies pursued by the Centre are taking the essence of freedom away from the people," Mr. Sen said.

Mr. Venkat said while the demand for MGNREGA work has increased, the Centre has reduced allocations for the scheme.

"Wages for work done are pending for several months in almost all the states. Unemployment has reached alarming levels," he said.

They will conduct a joint national convention at Talkatora Stadium here on September 5 to chalk out the future campaign and action programmes.

Jaishankar pushes for Chabahar port

No talks announced at SCO meet in Tashkent with Chinese, Pakistan and Taliban Foreign Ministers

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

India welcomed the expansion of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to include Iran next year, as External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar shared a table with Foreign Ministers of China Wang Yi, Pakistan Bilawal Bhutto, Russia Sergey Lavrov and central Asian countries at the ministerial meeting in Tashkent on Friday.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar (left) during the SCO Foreign Ministers' meeting, in Tashkent. • PTI

While India pushed for Chabahar port to be a conduit for trade to central Asia, Pakistan's Foreign Minister promoted the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor for trans-regional trade, including in a meeting with Taliban-appointed Acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi.

Mr. Jaishankar held bilateral talks with his counterparts from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, but no meetings with Mr. Bhutto, Mr. Wang or Mr. Muttaqi, who was also in Tashkent for a special SCO reach out, were announced. Although the MEA release made no mention of it, the Russian embassy in Delhi tweeted that Mr. Jaishankar also held talks with Russian Foreign Minister Mr. Lavrov while in Tashkent, where it said they discussed bilateral ties.

Help to Afghanistan

Mr. Jaishankar highlighted India's assistance to Afghanistan at the meeting. "Reiterated India's position on Afghanistan and highlighted our humanitarian support: wheat, medicines, vaccines and clothing," Mr. Jaishankar said after the meetings, adding that he had underlined the potential for Iran's Chabahar for the "SCO's economic future".

The External Affairs Minister said he had also raised the problems of the energy crisis and food crisis arising from the "Ukraine conflict", making no mention of Russia's role in the conflict, as well as from the COVID pandemic.

"[The] response required includes resilient and diversified supply chains as well as reformed multilateralism," Mr. Jaishankar said, adding that "zero tolerance" for terrorism was a must.

The External Affairs Minister also called on Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev along with the other Ministers, where he was seated next to Mr. Bhutto at the round table.

He said India, which would take over the SCO Presidency next year, would "give the fullest support for the success of the Samarkand Summit", indicating Prime Minister Narendra Modi would attend the summit on September 15-16. If all the SCO leaders attend the summit in person, it will be the first time Mr. Modi will come face to face with Chinese President Xi Jinping, as well as Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Meeting SCO Secretary General, senior Chinese diplomat Zhang Ming, Mr. Jaishankar said India's Presidency next year would give SCO cooperation a "renewed thrust".

Guns fall silent, Kashmir's no-go zones woo tourists

The administration eases homestays registration process

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

With guns and cannons falling silent since India and Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire in February 2020, villages closer to the Line of Control (LoC) are opening up for tourists visiting Kashmir. These villages were out-of-bounds for outsiders for almost three decades as their physical proximity to the LoC made them virtual battlefields.

New vistas: The administration has identified 35 new tourist destinations along the border. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A group of 40 people, including women and children, became the first outsiders to visit the border village of Machil in Kupwara district in north Kashmir from July 16-17. In the past, Machil was known for being shelling-prone. Just four months before India and Pakistan agreed to abide by the 2002 ceasefire agreement, one civilian was killed and eight others were injured in shelling in the Machil sector on October 31, 2019.

In the 'silence' that has

SPECIAL

come with the ceasefire, a new reality is emerging from these once no-go zones of the Kashmir valley. "Machil has jaw-dropping meadows and ethereal pastures. It is surrounded by the mighty Nuwan mountain range. We were able to visit Malik mohalla, a tiny hamlet located on the sensitive LoC. Villagers narrated the local stories and incidents," Farah Zaidi Ali, co-founder of the Kashmir Off Road (KOR), the organisation behind the trip, told *The Hindu*.

Besides Machil, the KOR also organised trips to Kupwara's Tutmar Gali and Teetwal, both near the LoC with Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) visible on the other side. Both the places are in the crosshairs of heavy artillery of Pakistani Army and ceasefire violations in the past had resulted in prolonged skirmishes.

For locals, tourists visiting these valleys that were home to only armed infiltrators or soldiers, is a dream come true. "We are happy to receive guests. We are hopeful of eco-friendly tourism also picking up in the area," Adil Wani, a resident of Machil, said. Wani's house was among four homes where visitors stayed for the night in Machil. Most houses have underground bunkers too because of the past experience.

Aijaz Ahmad from Teetwal, said the construction of the Sharda temple by Kashmiri Pandits and a gurdwara in Teetwal will help boost tourism. "We want tourism to pick up and for people to stay in our homes. It will help develop the place too," Mr. Ahmad said. Ms. Ali is advocating for more such valleys to be opened up for experiential holidays. "Homestay provides an authentic experience and feel of the place. Home-cooked meals only add to the experience. These less frequented and sparsely populated areas offer solitude, which in today's world is high on demand," Ms. Ali said.

Buoyed by increasing footfall of tourists to Kashmir, the J&K government has identified 35 new destinations in the Valley, including Gurez and Tulail villages in Bandipora, besides Teetwal and Keran. According to the J&K Tourism department, 50,000 rooms will be added in Kashmir through the homestay initiative at 75 new locations across the Union Territory. "The department has eased the registration process for homestays," Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, J&K Tourism, said. At present only 800 homestays are registered with the department. Both homestays and tented accommodations are being promoted in the Valley. Officials said tented colonies will be made functional at 30 new locations.

"Seventy five offbeat destinations are being developed with proper infrastructure and requisite facilities," Mr. Hafeez said.

IN BRIEF

Army Chief Gen. Pande begins Bhutan visit

NEW DELHI

Chief of Army Staff Gen. Manoj Pande on Friday began a two-day visit to Bhutan amid China's persistent attempts to enhance infrastructure in the Doklam plateau. The Indian Army said Gen. Pande is scheduled to meet King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and Jigme Singye Wangchuck. PTI

India tops in requests to block journalists: Twitter

NEW DELHI

India made the highest number of legal demands globally to remove content posted by verified journalists and news outlets on Twitter during July-December 2021, Twitter said. In its latest transparency report, Twitter said India was only behind the U.S. in seeking Twitter account details, accounting for 19% of requests. PTI

Partha Pratim Mazumdar Assam NRC coordinator

GUWAHATI

Assam's National Register of Citizens (NRC) will have a new State Coordinator from August 1. IAS officer Partha Pratim Mazumdar is the third State Coordinator for NRC. A notification said Mr. Mazumdar would be the State Coordinator for the NRC and the in-charge of the NRC Directorate.

I'm a victim of conspiracy: Partha

Ex-Minister questions timing of Trinamool move to strip him of all posts

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

A day after he was relieved of his ministerial and party responsibilities, former Trinamool Congress heavyweight Partha Chatterjee on Friday said that he was a victim of a conspiracy.

Crying foul: Former Minister Partha Chatterjee being taken to Joka ESI hospital for medical check-up. • DEBASISH BHADURI

Mr. Chatterjee, who remains in the custody of the Enforcement Directorate (ED), made these remarks while being taken to the ESI Hospital at Joka for a check-up. The former West Bengal Industry and Commerce Minister and Trinamool secretary general also questioned the timing of the party's decision to strip him of all responsibilities. "The timing was not right. It may influence an impartial investigation," he told mediapersons.

Asked whether the decision of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to remove him from all positions was correct, he said "time will tell".

Mr. Chatterjee was arrested by the ED on July 23 after the agency recovered huge cash from the residence of Arpita Mukherjee, one of his associates. Cash valued at more than ₹50 crore and several kilograms of gold have been recovered. The ED was looking into money laundering in connection with School Service Commission (SSC) recruitment scam. The ED officials on Friday continued with their raids. The former Minister and his aide will remain in ED custody till August 3.

The Trinamool leadership also reacted to Mr. Chatterjee's remarks. "Yesterday evening, the government and the party let their decisions be known... It is generally expected that if someone is a victim of conspiracy, he will protest right from the beginning," Trinamool spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

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पी.बी.एम. चिकित्सालय के अधीन मुख्यमंत्री निःशुल्क दवा वितरण केन्द्रों व सब स्टोर I & II में 101 कार्य बिन्दुओं पर प्राप्त दवा पर्चियों को ऑनलाईन करवाने का कार्य जॉब बेसिस आधार पर पूर्ण माह करवाये जाने हेतु आमंत्रित निविदा (दोहरी बिड पद्धति) में इच्छुक बोलीदाता दिनांक 01.08.2022 से 22.08.2022 सायं 05:00 बजे तक निविदा डाउनलोड/अपलोड कर सकते हैं। बोली आमंत्रण सूचना की महत्वपूर्ण शर्तें व पूर्ण विवरण http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in तथा http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है। ई-बोली की अनुमानित लागत 2 करोड़ है।
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

WORKS BRANCH — MADURAI DIVISION.

TENDER NOTICE NO. MDU-W-13-2022 dated 27.07.2022

e - tenders are invited for the following works by the Divisional Railway Manager / works / Southern Railway/ Madurai. Tender closing date for Item No.1 to 14 on 22.08.2022 at 14.00 hrs..

Sl. No.	Name of Work	App. Value: Rs. In lakhs	EMD Rs.	Period of completion
1.	Tirunelveli Junction:- Proposed Through Rail Renewal (Secondary) for a length of 7.082 Kms on various loop lines and 2.073 km on pit line in Tirunelveli yard in Tirunelveli Permanent way section.	310.44	305200	10 months
2.	Senior Divisional Engineer / Central / Madurai Jurisdiction : Through Rail Renewal(Secondary) for a total length of 2.883kms on loop lines of various station yards in BG & MG/ Madurai and Manamadurai Permanent way sections and Through Sleeper Renewal(Secondary) at Kudal Nagar yard loop line for a length of 1.007 kms in BG / Madurai Permanent way section	51.09	102200	9 months
3.	Assistant Divisional Engineer / Tirunelveli & Sengottai Sub division:- Proposed Ancillary work for deep screening of existing track ballast by ballast cleaning machine at isolated locations between Km:- 78/0-100/350 in between stations Kilakadaiyam - Tenkasi for a length of 23.650 km including 68 nos of points & crossing at various station yards & Manual deep screening of platform lines at isolated locations for a length of 3.200 km in Sengottai permanent way section and Proposed Ancillary work for deep screening of existing track ballast by ballast cleaning machine at isolated locations between km:-29.700 to 78 .000 for a total length of 42.550 kms including 7 sets of Points & Crossings & manual deep screening at isolated locations of 5.750 kms in between stations Tirunelveli - Kilakadaiyam in Tirunelveli Permanent way section."	196.62	248300	6 months
4.	Tiruchchirappalli - Manamadurai - Rameswaram section : (1), Through Fittings Renewal In PSC sleepers between Km:- 489.500 to 505.700, 511.500 to 554.700 for a length of 59.400 kms in between stations Kottaiyur-Manamadurai in Sivaganga Permanent way section. (2), Through Rail Renewal (Secondary) at IOH pit line in Rameswaram yard for a length of 1.250 kms in Mandapam Permanent way section. (3), Through Rail Renewal (Primary) from Km:- 655.000 to 657.500 for a length of 2.50Kms over Pamban Viaduct in Mandapam Permanent way section"	218.30	259200	9 months
5.	Madurai Division: Proposed Collection and supply of 50mm machine crushed stone ballast at VIRUDUNAGAR DEPOT including loading into Railway wagons, unloading and spreading in connection with various track renewal works in Virudunagar & Sivakasi Permanent way sections.	84.32	168600	6 months
6.	Construction of boundary wall in vulnerable locations for a length of 3350m in Assistant Divisional Engineer/ South & Tirunelveli Sub-Division. (Balance Left over Work)	187.93	244000	6 months
7.	Assistant Divisional Engineer/Karaikkudi sub-division- (a). Mandapam - Reconstruction of Type II Qrs - 16 units in lieu of Qrs. No. 18/A-D, 19/A-D, 20/A-D & 21/A-D (b). Rameswaram- Reconstruction of Type II Qrs 12 units in lieu of Qrs. No. 19/A-D, 31/A-D and 32/A-D.	349.99	325000	12 months
8.	Courtallam Station - Providing House Keeping & Hospitality services for Officers' Rest Houses / Holiday Home (Open line HH 8 suites & ICF HH 8 suites) for a period of 2 years.	9.41	18800	24 months
9.	"(1), Assistant Divisional Engineer / Dindigul Sub Division Jurisdiction: - Through Rail Renewal (Secondary) for a total length of 3.904 kms on loop lines of various station yards in Dindigul & Palani Permanent way sections. (2), Dindigul - Pollachchi section : Proposed Through Rail Renewal (Secondary) for a length of 2.170 Kms including deep screening work on loop lines of Road No.3 at Pushpattur, Maivadi Road and Udumalaipettai stations in Palani Permanent way section. (3), Dindigul - Pollachchi section : Proposed manual deep screening of track ballast in loop lines for a length of 4.016 km on loop lines of various station yards in Palani Permanent way section."	112.93	206500	9 months
10.	Karaikkudi — Reconstruction of Type II Quarters — 8 units in lieu of quarters. No.13,21,40,41/A-B, 56 & 68/A-B and Type III — 8 units in lieu of quarters No.33/A-B & 38/A-F	173.11	236600	12 months
11.	Divisional Engineer/Central/Madurai jurisdiction — Construction of boundary wall at vulnerable locations (Madurai station, Madurai — Vadipatti —Kodaikkanal road sections) for a length of 2100m	125.51	212800	9 months
12.	Tenkasi - Kollam Section:- Supply , installation and commissioning of gauge face lubricators on curves (Hydraulic type) complete system as per RDSO technical speficiation, 25 Numbers in between stations Bhagavathipuram and Punalur in Senior Section Engineer / Permanent way / Sengottai & Punalur sections.	174.81	237400	6 months
13.	Bhagavathipuram-Edamann: Left over passenger amenities work such as PF fence wall, circulating area wall,widening of steps,Hand rail for pwd and left over concrete in platforms.	125.60	212800	6 months
14.	Milavittan — Improvements to freight train examination facilities.	560.09	430100	8 months

(Items 14 only)

Further details are available in detail on website https://www.ireps.gov.in. The tenderer(s) /Contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for works in Madurai Division, need to get enrolled in the **e-tender portal www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.
It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting Tender.

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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

(₹ in Crores)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30.06.2022	30.06.2021	31.03.2022	30.06.2022	30.06.2021	31.03.2022
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total Revenue from Operations	1,239.64	938.81	4,172.57	1,410.12	1,112.43	4,902.06
2	Net Profit for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	171.09	151.13	585.96	179.57	163.22	621.22
3	Net Profit for the period (before tax after exceptional items)	171.09	151.13	555.96	179.57	163.22	621.22
4	Net Profit for the period (after tax)	130.11	112.55	407.46	138.03	120.49	461.83
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	130.86	115.68	419.21	136.96	129.98	486.34
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Re 1/- each fully paid up)	21.01	21.01	21.01	21.01	21.01	21.01
7	Earnings Per Share (EPS) (for continuing and discontinued operations) (Face value of Re 1/- each) (not annualised) (in Rs.)						
	(a) Basic	6.19	5.36	19.39*	6.47	5.69	21.74*
	(b) Diluted	6.19	5.36	19.39*	6.47	5.69	21.74*

* Annualised

Notes:

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of the standalone and consolidated financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and on the Company's website www.sundram.com.

2 The Statutory Auditors have carried out a limited review for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 and have issued an unmodified report thereon.

Place : Chennai
Date : July 29, 2022

For Sundram Fasteners Limited
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Chairman

IN BRIEF

Rajshri Productions film set gutted, one dead

MUMBAI

One person died, as a major fire broke out on two adjacent film sets, at Chitrakoot Grounds in suburban Andheri West, on Friday, an official said. The fire was doused after five hours with the help of eight fire engines, he said. Two film sets, one of Rajshri Productions, and another of Luv Ranjan's new film, were gutted, said Mr. Ashok Dubey, Federation of Western India Cine Employees. PTI

Girl falls into borewell, rescued in five hours

SURENDRANAGAR

A 12-year-old girl, identified as Manisha, fell into a 500-feet deep borewell shaft in Gujarat's Surendranagar district on Friday morning. She was rescued by Army and police teams after five hours. The incident took place in Dhrangadhra tehsil. This was the second such incident in the tehsil after a two-year-old boy was rescued from a borewell in June. The girl fell into the open shaft of a borewell on a farm, an official said. PTI

9,053 acres of encroached land taken back: Mann

CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday said since May 1, the State government had so far taken possession of 9,053 acres of land which was illegally encroached by people across the State, including influential people. Mr. Mann said that in the ongoing drive, the government on Friday took possession of 2,828 acres of illegally encroached land worth ₹350 crore in Majri block of Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar district.

Judge claims suspension for quick judgments

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear a judicial officer's plea challenging his suspension by the Patna High Court, presumably for delivering a series of quick judgments. This includes a POCSO case where he concluded the trial in a single day. A Bench of Justices U.U. Lalit and S.R. Bhat issued notices, including to Bihar, on the plea filed by Mr. Shashi Kant Rai, an additional district and sessions judge. PTI

Modi calls for speedy probe into Congo attack

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, discussed with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres the recent attack on UN mission personnel in Congo, in which two Indian peacekeepers were killed, and called for an expeditious investigation to bring the perpetrators of the incident to justice. The leaders discussed the recent attack in which the two peacekeepers were killed. PTI

Kerala Assembly holds 61 sittings in 2021, the highest in the country

Andhra Pradesh, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Delhi met for less than 10 days

T. RAMAKRISHNAN
CHENNAI

Kerala, which slipped to the eighth slot in holding the sittings of the State Assembly during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, got back to the first place in 2021, with its House sitting for 61 days, the highest for any State.

The southern State's showing in 2021 was impressive as the year saw the more virulent second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, between 2016 and 2019, it had the distinction of remaining at the top with an average of 53 days.

144 ordinances

Despite enjoying the record of having the highest number of sittings during 2021 for any State legislature, Kerala (where the Left Democratic Front is in power since May 2016) had promulgated 144 ordinances, also the highest in the country last year.

Ordinances are promulgated by governments, which are required to take immediate action on any matter, during the intervening period of two sessions of the legislature.

SPECIAL

Making the findings in its study on the functioning of State Assemblies for 2021, the PRS Legislative Research (PRS), a New Delhi-based think tank, states that for the year in question, Odisha followed Kerala with 43 sitting days; Karnataka – 40 and Tamil Nadu – 34 days. But for the top three States, the average number of sitting days of State legislatures would have been far lower than the present figure of 21 days.

Of the 28 State Assemblies and one Union Territory's legislature, 17 met for less than 20 days. Of them, five – Andhra Pradesh, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Delhi – met for less than 10 days.

The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution (2000-02), headed by former Chief Justice of India M.N. Venkatachaliah, had prescribed that the Houses of State (/Union Territory) legislatures with less than 70 members – for example, Puducherry – should meet for at least 50 days a year and other Houses (Tamil Nadu), at least 90 days. (Ten fall under the first category and 20 under the second).

The Presiding Officers' conference, held in Gandhinagar in January 2016, suggested State legislatures hold a minimum of 60 days of sittings in a year. Between 2016 and 2021, the PRS points out, 23 State Assemblies met for an average of 25 days.

States such as Manipur, Odisha, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh have laid down a minimum number of sitting days through the Rules of Procedure, varying from 40 days in Punjab to 90 days in Uttar Pradesh. In 2005, Karnataka even came out with a law – the Karnataka Conduct of Government Business in the State Legislature Act – with the stipulation of a minimum of 60 days, when the Congress-Janata Dal coalition was in power. However, the five States observed this norm more in the breach. In 2021, apart from 43 days of sittings in Odisha and 40 days in Karnataka, the figures for Uttar Pradesh, Manipur and Punjab were 17, 16 and 11 respectively.

As for the ordinance route, which should be, according to the Supreme Court, used under exceptional circumstances, 21 out of 28 States promulgated ordinances last year. Andhra Pradesh with 20 ordinances and Maharashtra with 15 followed Kerala, wherein Bills replacing 33 ordinances became Acts. Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh also promulgated ordinances to give effect to budget proposals.

A perusal of the manner of adoption of Bills by the State Assemblies would reveal that 44% of the Bills adopted by 28 State Assemblies were passed within a day of their introduction. Gujarat, West Bengal, Punjab and Bihar were among the eight States which passed all Bills on the day of introduction.

On the contrary, five States – Karnataka, Kerala, Meghalaya, Odisha and Rajasthan – took more than five days to pass a majority of their Bills. In Kerala, 94% of the Bills were passed after at least five days of their introduction in the legislature. In respect of Meghalaya, it was 80% and in the case of Karnataka, 70%.

Of the subjects covered by the Bills passed in 2021, education accounted for 21% followed by taxation - 12%, local government - 10%, and land and law and order - 4% each.

For the purpose of this analysis, Appropriation Bills were not considered, the PRS's study adds.

Counting the sittings

The chart shows the State Assemblies which sat for more than 20 sessions in 2021. Kerala recorded the most such sittings last year followed by Odisha and Karnataka

Cat trail: The Manas Tiger Reserve in Assam. •FILE PHOTO

Manas reserve has 2.4 tigresses for every tiger

Annual monitoring results released

RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI

The Manas Tiger Reserve in Assam has 2.4 tigresses for every tiger, the annual wildlife monitoring results of the trans-boundary wildlife preserve has revealed.

According to the latest camera trapping assessment stipulated by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), the 2,837.31 sq. km reserve with a critical tiger habitat area of 536.22 sq. km has 52 adult tigers along with eight cubs.

This is an increase of eight adults and four cubs over 2021, the results released by Pramod Boro, the Chief Executive Member of the Bodoland Territorial Region on Global Tiger Day showed.

The assessment said 29 tigers were "repeated" from 2021 while 23 new tigers were reported. The gender of 27 tigers could be properly ascertained – eight of them males and 19 females, giving a sex ratio of 1:2.4, which is "positively skewed towards females from the ecological point of view", a statement from NTCA said.

The Manas Tiger Reserve authorities had set up 381 camera trap stations with support from conservation partners World Wide Fund for Nature-India, Wildlife Trust of India and Aaranyak.

Mr. Boro also released the results of the population estimate of all other major species found in the reserve, claimed to have been done for the first time in a holistic manner by the tiger reserve's frontline staff through distance sampling.

Forest guards and foresters deployed in different anti-poaching camps in Manas collected data on line transects from the backs of elephants using an Android-based digital platform.

The information collected was analysed at the Field Directorate of Manas and validated by the NTCA's Tiger Cell in Dehradun's Wildlife Institute of India, officials said. The Manas Tiger Reserve is contiguous with the 1,000 sq. km Royal Manas National Park in Bhutan.

Six pleas challenge Places of Worship Act

SC had already sought response from the Union Ministries of Home, Law and Culture to the 1991 law

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday frowned upon more and more petitions being filed, challenging the Places of Worship Act.

A Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud gave six new petitioners liberty to intervene in a case, in which the top court had already sought the government's response last year.

In March 2021, the top court had issued a formal notice to Union Ministries of Home, Law and Culture on a petition filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay against the various provisions of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act of 1991.

The 1991 Act mandates that the identity of a religious place of worship as it had existed in August 15, 1947, should not be changed.

However, Mr. Upadhyay had argued that the cut-off date was "arbitrary and irrational".

He said the Act, by fixing a retrospective cut-off date (August 15, 1947), illegally barred Hindus, Jains, Buddhists and Sikhs from approaching courts to "reclaim" their places of worship which were "invaded" and "encroached" upon by "fundamentalist barbaric invaders".

Mr. Upadhyay said: "The Act declared that character

Supreme Court of India

of places of worship-pilgrimage shall be maintained as it was on August 15, 1947 and no suit or proceeding shall lie in court in respect of disputes against encroachment done by fundamentalist barbaric invaders and law breakers and such proceeding shall stand abated."

He challenged Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the Act, which deals with the bar on legal claims that were against the principles of secularism.

"Section 2, 3, 4 not only offend right to pray, practice and propagate religion (Article 25), right to manage maintain administer places of worship-pilgrimage (Article 26), right to conserve culture (Article 29) but also contrary to State's duty to protect historic places (Article 49) and preserve religious cultural heritage (Article 51A)," the petition said.

The six new petitions challenge the 1991 Act on similar, if not identical grounds. "How many petitions are being filed?" Justice Chandrachud asked on Friday.

One of the new petitions accuse the 1991 Act of "validating the illegal and barbarous action of invaders".

Another petition filed by Anil Kabotra in the Supreme Court takes on an identical note by saying that mosques have to be constructed on "legally owned" and "virgin land".

"Temple's religious character does not change after demolition of roof, walls, pillars, foundation and even offering namaaz," it said. A petition by Devkinandan Thakur echoes the same notions of "historic wrong".

Centre to issue new health warning on tobacco products

Amended rules will be applicable from December 1

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has notified new sets of specified health warnings for all tobacco product packages by making an amendment in the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Rules, 2008, dated July 21, 2022.

The amended rules will be applicable from December 1 this year. "The new set of specified health warnings shall be for 12 months following its commencement. The soft or printable version of the warnings in 19 languages are available on the websites

The new set of specified health warnings shall be for 12 months following its commencement

HEALTH MINISTRY

websites *www.mohfw.gov.in* and *ntcp.nhp.gov.in*," said a release from the Ministry.

All tobacco products manufactured or imported or packaged on or after December 1, 2022 shall display a new image with the textual health warning 'Tobacco causes painful death'.

"Those manufactured or imported or packaged on or after December 1, 2023, shall display an image (second) with the textual health warning 'Tobacco Users die younger'," the Ministry said.

Any person engaged in the manufacture, production, supply, import or distribution of cigarettes or any tobacco products shall ensure that all tobacco product packages carry the warnings exactly as prescribed.

Violation is a punishable offence with imprisonment or fine as prescribed in Section 20 of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003.

Spurt in jumbo poaching suspected in Odisha

12 carcasses of elephants found

SATYASUNDAR BARIK
BHUBANESWAR

Discovery of 12 carcasses of elephants, some having bullet wounds, in the past two months has brought under sharp focus the spurt in poaching of jumbos in Odisha. Such an increase in suspected elephant poaching has been reported in the State after a decade.

In 2010, carcasses of 14 elephants were found in and around Similipal Biosphere Reserve.

This time Athagarh forest division in Cuttack district has been the centre of suspected poaching activities with five of 12 elephants perishing in the region.

Though Odisha government has constituted a special investigating teamto probe the elephant death cover-ups in Athagarh area and some forest department personnel have been arrested, there is no end to elephants being targeted by hunters.

A group of veterinarians on Friday was struggling to save the life of a tusker, which reportedly had five bullet injuries in Narsinghpur (west) Forest Range in Cuttack district. Initially, the forest department tried to shrug off its responsibility. After wildlife activists made hue and cry,treatment was given to the elephant.

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(set by Dreamer)

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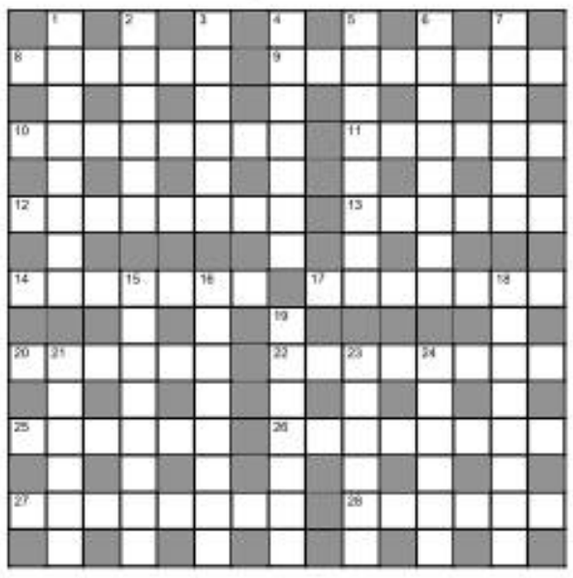

Across

8 Scold a boring group of stars (6)
9 Unrealistic nationalist movement by the travelling people (8)
10 Ace setter surprisingly avoids latest in crosswords and the like (2,6)
11 Unknown vehicle introduced in books is a vehicle pulled by animals, say (6)
12 Possibly refer to parking zone that charges no tax on goods, for example (4,4)
13 Centre for Biotechnology, Cuba developed soft cover used on the wheel of a vehicle (6)
14 Order from workroom and atelier (7)
17 It makes the eyes smart with a great sulphur compound (4,3)
20 Is petitioner a legal entity that sells securities? (6)
22 Pennsylvania politician Henry gave permission to make brochure (8)
25 Swimmer reviewed system with automated computer program (6)
26 Careless Curie in isolation (8)
27 Model I hit is essentially consuming an Italian dessert (8)
28 Angry son punched, biting face of Robert Bailey in the end (6)

Down

1 British queen and Roman goddess (8)
2 Prepared note in cell (6)
3 Do without minimum of food at a US state, for the most part (6)
4 Hint about depth and width (7)
5 Vessel mainly transports controversial energy drink (8)
6 Rob keeps a piece of nougat and cake in buffet (5,3)
7 I make a mistake in South American mountain range (6)
15 Tattoo of stupid European crossing river with a bar (8)
16 Run away from ultrathin building, deserting husband (4,4)
18 An English company framing director Lawrence's sketch (8)
19 Without using recipe, ultimately prepared some soup for marsupial (7)
21 Brainless princess deposits after retirement (6)
23 Attack secret agent and saint (6)
24 Old Trafford primarily entertained by Mane's empty talk (3,3)

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

Solution to puzzle 13621

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Realising the truth

Thirumoolar says Lord Siva came down from His elevated status out of His kindness towards jivatmas. His drodhana sakthi gets rid of anavam, said R. Narayanan in a discourse. There are three malams or impurities which keep us from getting close to God. These are anavam (ego), kanmam (karma) and maya (illusion). Once Lord Siva's drodhana sakthi has vanquished our ego, it then becomes arul sakthi, that is the power that confers blessings on us. This arul sakthi energises us spiritually.

Thirumoolar records his experience of God realisation in his Thirumandiram. The 112th verse of Thirumandriam, which talks of Lord Siva descending to save us, gives us in a nutshell the essence of the Saiva Agamas. Saiva Siddhanta has three significant concepts, pasu, pathi and paasam. Pasu refers to the atma; pasam are all those things that bind the atma and keep it from realising Pathi, that is Lord Siva. An atma is like a crystal which reflects whatever colour it comes in contact with. When the atma is in the grip of paasam, it is in a state of total bondage. When the jiva has realised Lord Siva, then it is in a state of total dedication to Him. This reminds one of the Thirukkural verse which says that the face is like a mirror reflecting one's thoughts. If we have wicked thoughts, the face gives us away; if we have good thoughts, again the face reveals this.

Likewise, the atma which seeks worldly things is caught in samara; an atma that has become aware of Siva is on the path to liberation. Pasu, pathi and pasam are all timeless, says Thirumoolar. Every believer knows that God is without beginning or end. But not many know that pasu and paasam are also timeless. Pasu has a tendency to move towards Siva. But paasam prevents it from doing so.

Russia, Ukraine trade blame over attack on prisoners of war in jail

Kyiv opens probe after Moscow alleges 40 inmates were killed in missile strike

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KYIV

Moscow and Kyiv on Friday accused each other of bombing a jail holding Ukrainian prisoners of war in Russian-held territory, with Russia saying 40 prisoners and eight prison staff were killed.

Russia's Defence Ministry said the Ukrainian strikes were carried out with U.S.-supplied long-range missiles, in an "egregious provocation" designed to stop soldiers surrendering.

It said that among the dead were Ukrainian security personnel who had laid down their arms after repelling Moscow's assault on the sprawling Azovstal steel works in Mariupol.

The claims came as President Volodymyr Zelensky visited a port in southern Ukraine to oversee a ship being loaded with grain for export under a UN-backed plan aimed at easing food crisis.

Ukraine's presidency said exports could start in the "coming days" under the plan aimed at getting millions of tonnes of Ukrainian grain stranded by Russia's naval blockade to world markets.

Clearing the decks: Volodymyr Zelensky visiting a Black Sea port on Friday to inspect a shipment of grain for export. • AP

'War crime'

Following the strike on the prison, Russian state-television showed what appeared to be destroyed barracks and tangled metal beds but no casualties could be seen.

Ukraine's military denied carrying out the attack.

It instead blamed Russia's invading forces for "a targeted artillery shelling" on the detention facility, saying it was being used to "accuse Ukraine of committing 'war crimes', as well as to hide the torture of prisoners and executions".

The Ukrainian prosecutor general's office opened a pre-trial investigation into the attack.

"Russia has committed another petrifying war crime by shelling a correctional facility in occupied" Olenivka where it held Ukrainian POWs, Ukraine's Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba wrote on Twitter.

(With Reuters inputs)

Lankan activists fear 'witch-hunt' by state

When protesters engage in killing & arson, rule of law must be upheld: Minister

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Citizens' groups and activists in Sri Lanka have expressed concern over a series of arrests last week, of prominent members of the recent anti-government protests, terming it a "witch-hunt" by the state. Their allegation comes a week after Ranil Wickremesinghe took charge as President of the island nation, capping weeks of political unrest and uncertainty, sparked by the economic implosion in Sri Lanka earlier this year.

Anti-government protesters speaking with security personnel at the site of protest in Colombo on July 22. • AFP

Within 24 hours after he was sworn in, the military assaulted protesters and demolished their tents at Colombo's main agitation site, near the sea-facing Presidential Secretariat. Lawyers and media were barred from entering the area during the pre-dawn raid on July 22 that drew wide condemnation domestically and internationally, including from the UN. In the days since, several activists associated with the 'Janatha Aragalaya', or People's Struggle, have either been arrested or have arrest warrants issued for them.

Sri Lanka is currently under Emergency rule, promulgated by Mr. Wickremesinghe on July 17 when he was Acting President. It was ratified by Parliament earlier this week. Human rights defenders point to both the Emergency and the subsequent actions of the military and police as attempts to "stifle dissent."

According to Ambika Satkunanathan, a former commissioner at the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, declaring a state of Emergency has been "the default strategy" of executive Presidents over the decades. "We have seen its devastating impact on human rights, particularly dissent and media freedom. During a state of Emergency, the military and police are granted excessive powers without any judicial oversight. Though the pre-dawn military raid took place under the cover of the Emergency, the actions we saw that day cannot be justified legally," she told *The Hindu*, referring to soldiers surrounding unarmed protesters with no warning, and assaulting them despite an assurance from demonstrators to vacate the space that afternoon.

'On a repressive path'

The declaration of Emergency sent "a chilling political message", observed human rights activist Ruki Fernando. "That Parliament ratified the President's decision [on the Emergency] only shows that both the executive and the legislature are now on a repressive path," he said.

Ms. Satkunanathan also flagged an apparent violation of due process in recent police action. "For instance, the way police took activist Veranga Pushpika from a bus, and kept his whereabouts unknown for several hours, denying him access to his lawyers and family, and the Human Rights Commission, technically amounts to an enforced disappearance," she noted.

Mr. Pushpika, who had been active in the Galle Face ocean-front agitations, is a former student activist and journalist, who was abducted from a bus by men in civil clothes on July 27, a day that witnessed more arrests. Four protesters, who had handed over to the police large amounts of money found at the President's house on July 9, were arrested and denied lawyer access, according to rights groups. A Colombo-based media company had an unusual visit by men in plain clothes, demanding details of its employees. The same day, the Young Journalists' Association made a complaint to the Human Rights Commission about the imminent arrest of investigative journalist and human rights defender Tharindu Uduweragedera. Later, police visited the church in the southern Ratnapura district, claiming they had orders to arrest Fr. Jeewantha Peiris. The priest, who has been working with marginalised communities for years, was part of the peaceful seaside protests in Colombo since March.

The government must show political stability in order to tap external assistance for economic recovery. Although "Gota go home" was the central demand of the months-long agitations, his resignation earlier this month did not end citizens' demonstrations. In fact, sections of protesters accuse Mr. Wickremesinghe of being an enabler of the discredited Rajapaksas and seek the new President's resignation too. Meanwhile, activists see a pattern, and a motive in the state's recent moves. "We must remember that the President himself, several government politicians, and police have been repeatedly trying to discredit the Aragalaya and protesters in their media statements," Mr. Fernando said.

President Wickremesinghe earlier referred to protesters as "fascists", while Ministers and ruling party MPs invoked the language of "terror" in a recent parliamentary debate, and even accused the "LTTE diaspora" – an apparent reference to sympathisers of the Tamil militant group that was defeated by the armed forces in 2009 – of backing the citizens' uprising witnessed mostly in the island's Sinhala-majority south.

'Protests hijacked'

When contacted, Minister of Justice Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe said the police were arresting only those linked with "criminal activity" and that the government had no issue with "peaceful protesters" and "even supported them". "But when they engage in killing, injuring others and damaging public property, the rule of law must be upheld. We feel some political groups with a violent past hijacked the protests," he said, alluding to the leftist opposition Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), that led two armed insurrections in the early 1970s and late 1980s.

The party has categorically denied the accusation that is frequently made by the government.

Macron counts on MBS to raise oil production

Both agree to intensify cooperation

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

French leader Emmanuel Macron and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) agreed to work "to ease the effects" of the Ukraine war, the President's office said on Friday.

Like U.S. President Joe Biden who visited Riyadh earlier this month, Mr. Macron had been keen to secure extra oil production from the de facto Saudi leader.

A French statement made no reference to any agreement during a dinner on Thursday night, but said the both leaders had agreed to "intensify their cooperation to ease the effects (of the war) in Europe, the Middle East and the world".

The meeting outraged rights groups because of Prince Salman's suspected role in the murder of *The Washington Post* journalist Jamal Khashoggi in 2018.

Western leaders snubbed the 36-year-old Prince after Saudi agents killed Khashoggi inside Saudi Arabia's consulate in Istanbul.

Analysts say an August 3 meeting of the OPEC oil cartel, of which Saudi Arabia is a key member, will be decisive in showing whether Western pressure for extra output bears fruit.

Russia vows support for China over Taiwan

Kremlin warns U.S. against provocation

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

The Kremlin expressed "solidarity" on Friday with China's stance on Taiwan after Chinese President Xi Jinping warned his U.S. counterpart Joe Biden not to "play with fire" over the self-ruled island.

"Certainly we are in solidarity," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"We respect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity and believe that no country in the world should have the right to question this or take any provocative or other steps," he added.

"We are convinced that such behaviour on the international arena can only cause additional tension."

On Thursday, Mr. Xi warned the U.S. President not to "play with fire" over Taiwan during a lengthy telephone call.

Meanwhile, China announced via state media that it will hold live-fire military drills in the Taiwan Strait on Saturday, raising the stakes ahead of a possible trip to the island by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. The manoeuvrers will be limited in scope and will "take place off the island of Pingtan in Fujian province".

Israeli Army kills Palestinian teen

REUTERS
AL MUGHAYYER

An Israeli soldier shot dead a 16-year-old Palestinian near a road leading to a Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank on Friday, Palestinian officials said, and the Army said it had opened fire to protect motorists from rioters.

Witnesses said the incident, east of the hub city of Ramallah, also involved face-offs in open fields between settlers, at least one of whom was armed, and Palestinians, with some on either side lobbing rocks at the other.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry condemned the teenager's killing as an "execution". A second Palestinian was shot and wounded in the incident, health officials and witnesses said.

The Israeli Army said troops fired to disperse hundreds of Palestinians who had burned tires and hurled rocks at a road leading to Kochav Hashachar settlement. "We are aware of reports of a Palestinian that was killed," it said in a statement.

At least 16 dead in U.S. flooding

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KENTUCKY

Search and rescue teams backed by the National Guard looked on Friday for people missing in record floods in Kentucky. Governor Andy Beshear said 16 people have died, a toll he expected to climb.

Mr. Beshear said that children were among the victims, and that the death toll could more than double as rescue teams search the disaster area.

"The tough news is 16 confirmed fatalities now, and folks that's going to get a lot higher," the Governor said later at a briefing. He said the deaths were in four eastern Kentucky counties.

Powerful floodwaters swallowed towns that hug creeks and streams in Appalachian valleys, swamping homes and businesses, trashing vehicles in useless piles and crunching runaway equipment and debris against bridges. Mudslides marooned people on steep slopes and at least 33,000 customers were without power. Numerous state roads were blocked by high water or mud, and crews were "unable to even get to some of these roadways it is so bad," Mr. Beshear said.

"We've still got a lot of searching to do," said Jerry Stacy, the emergency management director in Kentucky's hard-hit Perry County. "We still have missing people."

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NOTICE No. 7760/CDA **CORRIGENDUM** Date: 28/07/2022

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR DEVELOPMENT OF KALYAN MANDAP ALONG WITH ALLIED FACILITIES ON "ANNUAL LICENSE BASIS" AT SECTOR-9, CUTTACK

With reference to the EOI No. 7055/CDA, Date 06/07/2022 regarding **"expression of interest"** for development of Kalyan Mandap along with allied facilities on "annual license basis" at Sector-9, Cuttack the last date for submission of bids which was on 29/7/2022 has been extended to **17/08/2022 till 3.00 PM** and opening of Technical proposals shall happen on **17/08/2022 at 4.00 PM.**

Sd/- Secretary,
Cuttack Development Authority

CAD-1274: DIPR-13697/11/0976/2223

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RIP No. 01/EMP/TSIIC/2022-23, **Request for Proposal(RfP)** Dt: 26.07.2022

Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TSIIC), the nodal agency of Government of Telangana for development of industrial infrastructure in the State, invites Request for Proposal (RfP) for "Detailed Design, Engineering, Construction, Supply, Installation, Testing, Erection & Commission Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) based Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) for Textile Effluent of 5.0 MLD capacity for Kakatiya Mega Textile Park, Shyampet (V), Warangal Rural (Dist) along with Operation and maintenance for Seven (7) years.

The Request for Proposal (RfP) document can be downloaded from www.tsiic.telangana.gov.in from 30.07.2022. Last date for submission of Proposals: 25.08.2022, 16.00Hrs (IST)

Sd/-
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NIB NO - 13/2022-23

Bids for 03 no. Road works are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00PM on 12-08-2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state and http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 5892.50 lacs.

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(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Bids are invited from Bidders/ Agencies/ Firms and adequate experience in execution of similar works and financial turnover for the following works:

1) KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 12537/CALL-2 Dated: 26.07.2022 for Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 75AH & 40AH battery bank at CHP, BTPS. **EMD: Rs. 40.70l/-.**

2) KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 12536/CALL-2 Dated: 26.07.2022 for Design, Supply, retrofit, testing & commissioning of 800Amps Air Circuit Breakers with control & protection system in place of conventional contactor controlled motor feeder of rating 132kW at Unit - 2 CHP, BTPS site. **EMD: Rs. 31,500/-.**

Last date for receipt of tender: For Sl. No. 1 & 2: **10.08.2022.** Tender documents may downloaded from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (CHP/E-1,** BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583152, Ballari Dist. Mobile: 094808 30364, Tel: 08392-288608. E-mail: eee3btps@gmail.com

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CIN No. U24233KL2007SGC021614

No. KMSCL/EP/13895/2022 Dated : 29.07.2022

e-TENDER NOTICE (Running Contract)

Online bids are invited for the supply and installation of the following equipment for various Government healthcare institutions across Kerala

Sl. No	Tender No.	Description	Online Pre-Bid Meeting	Last date of Online submission
1.	T460(R)/2022	Modular Operation Theaters Type B, ESR Analyzer, Analytical Weighing Balance, Fully Automated Immuno Assay Analyzer Model D, Urea Breath Analyzer, Embedding station (Fully Automated), Portable Echo Machine - Paediatric and Neonatal, Analog Mammography, Microdrills with Burr Heads, Micro Ear Surgery Sets, Electrical Suction Apparatus, Laser Unit (Dental), Functional Trainer cum Multi Gym.	N.A.	10.08.2022 05.00p.m.

QUOTATION

Sealed Quotations are invited for the supply of the following items

2.	Q105/2022	Washing machine with Dryer, Water Heater	N.A.	12.08.2022 11.30a.m.

State Public Sector undertakings and MSMEs registered in the State or registered outside the state satisfying the policy of Government of India are exempted from remittance of tender document cost and EMD subject to the submission of valid documents, provided all the offered products are manufactured by them. Tender documents and all other information related to tender and bidding process can be downloaded from the website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

Sd/- For Managing Director (Tender Inviting Authority)

Sundaram-Clayton Limited

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30.06.2022	30.06.2021	31.03.2022	30.06.2022	30.06.2021	31.03.2022
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total Income	512.89	377.33	1,836.86	7,699.13	4,975.61	25,625.15
2	Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (before Exceptional Items)	22.99	13.53	177.89	460.84	47.05	1,196.15
3	Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (after Exceptional Items)	38.71	1,502.21	2,300.49	475.49	4.22	1,184.20
4	Net Profit / (Loss) after tax (after Exceptional Items)	28.43	1,501.34	2,276.69	326.00	(8.00)	824.49
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	31.70	1,504.71	2,273.57	319.65	17.92	824.30
6	Equity share Capital (Face value of Rs.5/-each)	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	2,890.24	-	-	5,089.12
8	Security Premium Account	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42
9	Networth	2,923.07	2,217.16	2,893.66	5,244.79	4,221.82	4,950.88
10	Outstanding Debt (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	736.88	603.28	732.64	3,288.56	2,925.40	3,065.81
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary, including exceptional item)	0.25	0.27	0.25	2.16	1.89	2.00
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Rs.5/-each) (not annualised) (In Rs.) (i) Basic (ii) Diluted	14.05 14.05	742.06 742.06	1,125.29 1,125.29	79.08 79.08	0.80 0.80	217.84 217.84
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	1.67	0.83	1.97	1.79	0.44	3.08
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	5.68	4.93	7.57	6.57	1.94	6.90

Notes :

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchanges websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.sundaram-clayton.com).

2 The Company has prepared these standalone and consolidated financial results in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.

For Sundaram-Clayton Limited

R.Gopalan
Chairman

Date : 29th July 2022

MARKET WATCH

	29-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	57,570	1.25
US Dollar	79.24	0.56
Gold	51,783	0.06
Brent oil	110.6	2.68

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	763.70	-0.80
Apollo Hosp	4212.30	21.80
Asian Paints	3333.75	61.35
Axis Bank	724.75	-1.15
Bajaj Auto	3914.45	56.20
Bajaj Finserv	15047.60	405.55
Bajaj Finance	7209.10	132.50
Bharti Airtel	677.95	11.10
BPCL	330.30	4.25
Britannia Ind	3900.40	31.05
Cipla	977.40	9.95
Coal India	211.25	8.40
Divis Lab	3831.65	-18.00
Dr Reddys Lab	4090.35	-169.70
Eicher Motors	3093.45	39.45
Grasim Ind	1573.00	22.40
HCL Tech	948.40	2.30
HDFC	2377.80	40.25
HDFC Bank	1434.20	17.35
HDFC Life	555.50	23.90
Hero MotoCorp	2818.05	37.35
Hindalco	415.05	22.65
Hind Unilever	2637.40	17.30
ICICI Bank	818.60	4.00
Indusind Bank	1043.50	25.80
Infosys	1549.70	32.10
ITC	303.05	-0.40
JSW Steel	629.60	12.90
Kotak Bank	1810.35	-18.15
L&T	1808.05	6.80
M&M	1164.45	15.10
Maruti Suzuki	8773.55	52.50
Nestle India Ltd.	19359.10	246.70
NTPC	152.95	2.60
ONGC	134.15	3.90
PowerGrid Corp	213.95	-0.25
Reliance Ind	2509.45	52.35
SBI Life	1294.40	102.95
State Bank	528.35	-4.10
Shree Cement	20498.00	82.55
Sun Pharma	943.20	48.35
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	811.65	5.05
Tata Motors	449.60	7.35
Tata Steel	107.60	7.25
TCS	3301.90	41.40
Tech Mahindra	1048.65	10.65
Titan	2352.05	17.40
UltraTech Cement	6544.80	73.55
UPL	741.10	13.40
Wipro	423.70	7.70

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 29

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.05	79.37
Euro	80.86	81.19
British Pound	96.23	96.62
Japanese Yen (100)	59.35	59.59
Chinese Yuan	11.73	11.78
Swiss Franc	83.01	83.36
Singapore Dollar	57.31	57.55
Canadian Dollar	61.61	61.87
Malaysian Ringit	17.76	17.83
Australian Dollar	55.25	55.48

Source: Indian Bank

CIFCL Q1 net rises 73%

CHENNAI

Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co. Ltd. (CIFCL), said Q1 net profit surged 73% to ₹566 crore. Total revenue from operations rose 12% to ₹2,770 crore, the firm said.

HDFC Q1 net profit grows 22% to ₹3,669 cr. on disbursements

'Home loan demand, pipeline of loan applications continue to remain strong'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Mortgage lender Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC) said first-quarter net profit grew 22% from a year earlier to ₹3,669 crore, helped by higher home loan disbursements and an improvement in asset quality.

Net interest income for the quarter was ₹4,447 crore compared with ₹4,125 crore. Net interest margin was 3.4%. Consolidated profit was ₹5,574 crore. The quarter witnessed 66% growth in individual disbursements, 19% growth in individual loans and 'significant' improvement in asset quality.

Dollar debt: HDFC said it would raise an international social loan of $1.1 billion following liberalised RBI norms. • FILE PHOTO

HDFC said it would raise an international social loan of $1.1 billion as per the provisions of the RBI.

"Demand for home loans and the pipeline of loan applications continue to remain strong," HDFC said in a statement. "Growth in home loans was seen in both the middle-income segment as well as in high-end properties," it added.

Assets under management stood at ₹6,71,364 crore, of which individual loans comprised 79%.

"On an AUM basis, the growth in the individual loan book was 19%. This marks the highest percentage growth in the individual loan AUM in 8 years," HDFC said.

Gross non-performing loans were ₹10,288 crore, or 1.78% of the portfolio, as against 2.32% at the end of December, when new norms came into force.

HDFC said it had raised lending rates and incrementally shifted from a quarterly reset for individual loans to a monthly reset to reduce the impact of transmission of rate changes.

Fiscal deficit touched 21.2% of target in Q1

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The central government's fiscal deficit touched 21.2% of the annual target in the June quarter as against 18.2% in the year-earlier period, official data show.

In actual terms, the fiscal deficit was at ₹3.51 lakh crore at the end of the first quarter of 2022-23, data from the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) showed on Friday.

The fiscal deficit is projected at ₹16,61,196 crore, or 6.4% of the GDP, for this fiscal year ending on March 31, 2023.

Receipts stood at ₹5,96,040 crore or 26.1% of the corresponding Budget Estimates (BE), compared with 27.7% in the year-earlier period.

5G spectrum auctions spill over to day five

'24th round to begin on Saturday'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Revenue for the government from the ongoing spectrum auction inched closer to the ₹1.5-lakh crore mark with bids amounting to ₹1,49,855 crore at the end of Day 4.

"Close to 71% of the total spectrum put on sale has been provisionally sold," said Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. "We have received bids worth ₹1,49,855 crore till now. Tomorrow morning 24th round will start," he added.

The auctions will continue on Saturday (Day 5) as players compete with each other for spectrum in 1800 MHz band in the U.P. (East) telecom circle.

On Friday, seven rounds of bidding took place, taking the total rounds in the auction so far to 23. The government had garnered bids worth ₹1.45 lakh crore on the first day of the auction, with Day 3 closing with bids worth ₹1,49,623 crore.

The bids have already crossed the expectations of ₹80,000-90,000 crore from the entire auction, as estimated by the government and analysts.

Euro zone inflation hits another high

REUTERS
FRANKFURT

Euro zone inflation rose to another record high in July and its peak could still be months away, keeping pressure on the European Central Bank to opt for another big interest rate increase in September.

Consumer price growth in the region accelerated to 8.9% in July from 8.6% a month earlier, above expectations for 8.6% and well clear of the ECB's 2% target, official data showed on Friday.

Inflation was initially driven by post-pandemic supply bottlenecks but more recently the fall-out of Russia's war in Ukraine has been the main culprit as it has raised energy, metals and food prices.

Sundram Fasteners Q1 net rises 16% to ₹130 cr.

Firm to invest ₹300 cr. in wind energy

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Sundram Fasteners Ltd. (SFL) on Friday reported first-quarter standalone net profit rose 15.6% from a year earlier to ₹130 crore.

Revenue from operations grew by 32% to ₹1,240 crore, SFL said in a filing.

Domestic sales rose to ₹799 crore from ₹560 crore, while export sales grew by 14% to ₹406 crore.

SFL had registered a strong operating performance and reported the highest-ever profit despite a challenging environment posed by continuous increase in raw material prices, inflationary impact in indirect materials and steep increase in freight costs and other inputs, said Arathi Krishna, Managing Director.

Arathi Krishna

"We continue to be cautiously optimistic about the ensuing quarters," she said.

On capex, Ms. Krishna said the automotive parts maker planned to invest ₹350 crore over five years.

In addition, SFL proposed to make additional investments of ₹300 crore over the next two years in the wind-energy business.

Sundaram Clayton clocks Q1 net of ₹28 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Sundaram Clayton Ltd. (SCL) has reported a standalone net profit of ₹28 crore for the first quarter.

The company had posted a net profit of ₹1,501 crore in the year-earlier period which included a one-time gain of ₹1,489 crore from the sale of 5.14% stake in TVS Motor Co.

Revenue from operations grew by 36% to ₹512 crore. Cost of materials rose by 47% to ₹290 crore, it said in a regulatory filing.

Standalone net profit included an exceptional item of ₹16 crore. The board appointed R. Gopalan as additional director and also as chairman with immediate effect, subject to shareholders approval.

Ashok Leyland turns a Q1 net profit of ₹68 crore

Revenue doubles to ₹7,223 crore

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Dheeraj Hinduja

Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ALL) on Friday reported a first-quarter standalone net profit of ₹68 crore, against a loss of ₹282 crore in the year-earlier period.

Revenue more than doubled to ₹7,223 crore, ALL said in a statement.

"The industry has seen strong volume growth in Q1, and we expect this trend to continue going forward," said Dheeraj Hinduja, executive chairman.

He observed that commodity prices were beginning to decline, adding that the benefits of this would be seen in the coming quarters.

Mr. Hinduja said ALL had lined up a capex programme worth ₹750 crore for each of the next two years and $150-200 million for EV subsidiary Switch Mobility. ALL was close to finalising strategic investors for Switch Mobility and a formal announcement was a few weeks away.

Gopal Mahadevan, CFO, said the company was evaluating the need for a possible new platform for light commercial vehicles.

Yes Bank to raise $1.1 bn from PE funds

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Yes Bank on Friday announced it was raising $1.1 billion (₹8,900 crore) in equity capital from funds affiliated with private equity firms Carlyle and Advent International, with each investor acquiring up to a 10% stake in the bank.

The funds would be raised through a combination of $640 million (₹5,100 crore) invested in equity shares, and $475 million (₹3,800 crore) via equity share warrants.

The capital raise is subject to shareholders' approval at the EGM to be held on August 24.

The funds would bolster capital adequacy and aid the bank's medium to long term growth goals, it said.

SPORT

LIVE TELECAST

CWG 2022: Sony Ten 2, 3, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 1.30 p.m. onwards
Chess Olympiad 2022: Doordarshan, FIDE & Chessbase India YouTube channels, 3 p.m. onwards
London E-Prix: SS Select 2 & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Formula 1: Hungary GP (Qualifying), SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Formula 2: Hungary GP (Sprint race), SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Sriram leaves CA job to focus on RCB role

SYDNEY

Former India all-rounder Sridharan Sriram has decided to end his tenure as Australia's spin bowling coach to focus on his role with IPL side RCB. The development comes ahead of Australia's tour of India next year. Sriram has been part of the Australian set-up since 2015 — with Australia-A on an India tour, then senior team spin bowling coach under Darren Lehmann in 2016. PTI

India thumps Sri Lanka in SAFF U-20 football

BHUBANESWAR

A dominant India defeated Sri Lanka 4-0 for its first victory in the SAFF U-20 football here on Friday. India got its goals through Himanshu Jangra (50th minute), Parthiv Gogoi (69th and 90+3), and Gurkirat Singh (73rd). PTI

Double for Kirrtane

HELSINKI

Nitten Kirrtane won a double in the ITF seniors Midnight Sun tennis tournament. Third seed Nitten beat top seed Salim Benhmda of Morocco 6-0, 6-2 in the over-45 singles final. The 48-year-old Nitten won the over-40 doubles title with Dariusz Lewandowski of Poland.

Expertspeak: Gill says the participants will get to drive long stages for the first time in INRC. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

INRC second round from today

Experienced racers should find it to be an easy affair

MOTORSPORTS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
COIMBATORE

With lengthy and rough stages, strewn with stones, it's going to be tough for the drivers. But for the experienced stars such as Gaurav Gill, Karna Kadur, Aditya Thakur and Dean Mascarenhas, to name a few, it may be an easy affair.

"Not this time around," says Gill, the three-time APRC champion.

"For the first time in INRC, we will get to drive some very long stages. Obviously, one has to be really smart in handling the car, the temperature and many more. I am looking forward to the rally."

The others too are as eager to go out there and prove a point when the Rally of Coimbatore, the second round of the Blueband Sports FMSCI India National Rally Championship (INRC) for four wheelers, gets underway on Saturday.

The World Rally Championship (WRC) driver is not worried though as he is used to the long stages. It is the first time that the Coimbatore Auto Sports Club, the organiser, has come up with two different surfaces – smooth and rough. So, it's all about planning the route and the rally.

VFI gets FIVB recognition

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) has received a shot in the arm with the FIVB having given formal recognition to the body run by president Achyuta Samanta and secretary Anil Choudhary, according to a release on Friday.

The FIVB, in its letter dated July 4, 2022, to Samanta, said: "The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has stated that the results of the elections held on March 12 2020 has been upheld by the honourable Madras High Court. The IOA has confirmed its recognition of you (Samanta) as president and Anil [Choudhary] as secretary general."

It further said: "Based on the above, the FIVB's understanding is that all the disputes related to the governance of VFI have been resolved. Consequently, the FIVB hereby recognises the following officials of VFI holding their positions for a term starting in 2020 and ending in 2024: President: Achyuta Samanta; Secretary General: Anil Choudhary."

South Africa takes series into decider

Rossouw scores unbeaten 96

SA IN ENGLAND

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
CARDIFF

Rilee Rossouw's unbeaten 96 laid the foundation for South Africa's 58-run win in the second Twenty20 International against England here on Thursday. The three-match series is now level at 1-1.

Rossouw's innings was the cornerstone of a total of 207 for three, with Reeza Hendricks making 53 – the opener's second fifty in as many days.

Left-arm wrist-spinner Tabraiz Shamsi then took three for 27, all-rounder Andile Phehlukwayo three for 39 and paceman Lungi Ngidi two for 11 as England was dismissed for 149 in the 17th over.

Rossouw's third T20I fifty came over seven years after his second, with the 32-year-old left-hander only recently returning to international action after becoming a Kolpak player in English county cricket in 2016. He faced 55 balls and hit 10 fours and five sixes.

The scores: South Africa 207/3 in 20 overs (Reeza Hendricks 53, Rilee Rossouw 96 n.o.) bt England 149 in 16.4 overs (Jos Buttler 29, Moeen Ali 28, Jonny Bairstow 30; Andile Phehlukwayo 3/39, Tabriz Shamsi 3/27). **Toss:** England; **MoM:** Rossouw; *South Africa won by 58 runs to level three-match series 1-1.*

Veteran scribe Prakash passes away

Prakash.

BENGALURU: Senior journalist M.S. Prakash passed away here on Friday. He was 67. Prakash is survived by wife and daughter.

Prakash had a long career with news agency UNI and covered diverse beats, including sports. The Press Club of Bangalore and the Sports Writers Association of Bangalore condoled his demise.

Indians dominate in Colombo

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Indian players continue to dominate in the ITF men's tennis tournament in Colombo as they booked three of the four semifinal spots.

Prajwal meets Manish

S.D. Prajwal Dev beat Palaphoom Kovapitukted of Thailand 6-4, 6-2, to set up a semifinal against compatriot Manish Sureshkumar.

Digvijay Pratap Singh beat Adil Kalyanpur for the loss of three games and will face second seed Eric Vanshelboim of Ukraine in the semifinals.

The results:

$15,000 ITF men, Colombo, Sri Lanka: Quarterfinals: S.D. Prajwal Dev bt Palaphoom Kovapitukted (Tha) 6-4, 6-2; Manish Sureshkumar bt Rishi Reddy 6-1, 6-3.

Digvijay Pratap Singh bt Adil Kalyanpur 6-2, 6-1; Eric Vanshelboim (Ukr) bt Siddharth Vishwakarma 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles: Semifinals: Quentin Folliot (Fra) & Eric Vanshelboiim (Ukr) bt S.D. Prajwal Dev & Rishi Reddy 3-6, 6-4, [10-6]; Parikshit Somani & Manish Sureshkumar bt Siddhant Banthia & Adil Kalyanpur 6-2, 7-5.

$15,000 ITF men, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: Semifinals: Shinji Hazawa & Kento Takeuchi (Jpn) bt Abhinav Sanjeev Shanmugam & Vishnu Vardhan 6-4, 6-7(8), [10-3].

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Quarterfinals: Skander Mansouri (Tun) bt Niki Poonacha 6-2, 2-1 (retired).

Doubles: Quarterfinals: Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli & Niki Poonacha bt Arthur Bouquier & Lilian Marmousez (Fra) 7-6(3), 7-6(4).

Multifaceted primed to come good in main event

BENGALURU: Multifaceted, who has been well tuned, is expected to score in the Bangalore City Sprint Championship Gold Cup (1,200m), the chief event of the races to be held here on Saturday (July 30).

False rails (width about 9m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 CAMINETO PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 2-30 p.m.: 1. Only You (3) Salman K 60, 2. Ansaldo (4) Srinath 59.5, 3. Lycurgus (2) G. Vivek 58.5, 4. Top Dancer (6) S. Saqlain 57.5, 5. Toronero (1) L.A. Rozario 54.5 and 6. Handsome Rocky (5) Angad 52.5.
1. ONLY YOU, 2. ANSALDO

2 SMART CHIEFTAN PLATE (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-00: 1. Albinus (8) Hindu S 56, 2. Bruce Almighty (6) Akshay K 56, 3. Domingo (5) Sandesh 56, 4. Mighty Swallow (7) Ranjeet S 56, 5. Southern Force (4) Rayan 56, 6. Angel Bliss (3) Vinod Shinde 54.5, 7. Emma (1) Likith 54.5 and 8. Kulsum (2) P.S. Chouhan 54.5.
1. BRUCE ALMIGHTY, 2. KULSUM, 3. DOMINGO

3 DR. K.M. SRINIVAS GOWDA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 3-30: 1. Kensington Court (2) Trevor 60.5, 2. Silver Dew (8) Vishal B 60.5, 3. Golden Vision (3) Saddam H 56, 4. Eternal Princess (6) Suraj 55.5, 5. Mystic Eye (1) Ikram A 55.5, 6. Alberetta (4) Salman K 55, 7. Harmonia (7) Md. Aliyar 53 and 8. Lauterbrunnen (5) Angad 51.5.
1. ETERNAL PRINCESS, 2. KENSINGTON COURT, 3. ALBERETTA

4 BANGALORE CITY SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD CUP (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Golden Oaks (2) Sandesh 60, 2. Multifaceted (1) Trevor 60, 3. Enigma (3) P.S. Chouhan 58.5 and 4. Smashing Blue (–) (–) 58.5.
1. MULTIFACETED, 2. ENIGMA

5 BOURBON KING PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Colonel Harry (5) Angad 61.5, 2. Siege Perilous (2) S. John 59.5, 3. Garamond (7) P.S. Chouhan 57.5, 4. Perfect Rendition (4) Hindu S 53.5, 5. Millbrook (6) Hasib A 52.5, 6. Katana (1) Akshay K 51.5 and 7. See My Heels (3) Vinod Shinde 50.5.
1. SIEGE PERILOUS, 2. GARAMOND

6 ALEKONA PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-00: 1. Amreli (5) Salman K 61.5, 2. The Strength (6) Vaibhav 61.5, 3. Baltimore (7) S. John 60, 4. Yukan (4) Trevor 60, 5. Anakin (1) Darshan 59, 6. Nikolina (3) Akshay K 58.5, 7. Gold Gray (8) Arvind K 56.5 and 8. Princess Jasmine (2) Vinod Shinde 53.5.
1. AMRELI, 2. YUKAN, 3. NIKOLINA

7 COMMANCHE PLATE (1,800m), rated 00 to 25, 5-30: 1. Marco Polo (3) B. Nayak 61.5, 2. Mrs Thatcher (1) Md. Akram 60, 3. Divya Shakthi (6) G. Vivek 58.5, 4. Lightning Flame (5) Darshan 58.5, 5. Love (4) M. Naveen 58, 6. Russian Romance (2) Angad 57.5 and 7. Adela (7) Vivek 57.
1. MRS THATCHER, 2. LIGHTNING FLAME
Day's best: ETERNAL PRINCESS
Double: BRUCE ALMIGHTY – AMRELI
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

Satish-Chethan duo reatain the lead

SPORTS BUREAU

Satish Kumar and co-driver Chethan Chengappa (Karnataka) managed to hold on to their lead with 1435 points at the end of the fifth day of the Rainforest Challenge (RFC) India 2022 in Panaji on Friday.

Satish and Chethan finished with 1435 points out of 1900. Last year's winner Kabir Waraich and Dushyant Khosla (Chandigarh) climbed to second from third as they ended with 1408 points. N. Abhinav Reddy and Vishuthi Varun (Telangana) grabbed the third spot with 1314 points.

Smooth sailing for the Indian teams

Angola's Silva shares honours with Aronian, creates the biggest buzz on the opening day

RAKESH RAO
MAMALLAPURAM

In the opening round of any Swiss league event – where the top half of the seeds play the lower half – mismatches are a norm.

As a result, one-sided encounters remain the order of the day. Amid these emerges a player or two, who returns from an elite competition like the Chess Olympiad, with a special reason to recall and rejoice.

Angola's No. 1 David Silva surely collected the biggest takeaway from his maiden visit to India when he held World No. 5 Levon Aronian to a draw, and that too, in a superior position, before top seed USA coasted to a 3.5-0.5 victory.

For Silva, an International Master rated at a modest 2315, this draw would have felt bigger than any victory in his career. After all, he proved equal to a two-time World Cup winner, rated 2775, by making light of a whopping rating difference of 460 points!

After spoiling Aronian's Olympiad debut for the USA, Silva said, "It was a very difficult game against a top-10 player in the world. I was scared. I was trying to do something as I had nothing to lose. From this game, I learnt so many things and I am going to use them in the coming ones."

In fact, Silva could have pressed for a win after Aronian traded a rook for a bishop on the 18th move but gained nothing in the bargain. Eventually, with USA leading 2-0 in a match where it rested spearhead Fabiano Caruana, Silva was a happy man to earn a draw in 41 moves.

For the host, as expected, there were 4-0 victories for all three teams against lower-rated rivals. Only Nihal Sarin for India 2 and S. P. Sethuraman for India 3 took longer than expected to win.

In cruise mode: The India 2 squad had it easy against the UAE. •R. RAVINDRAN

- The hosts' three teams registered 4-0 victories against lower-rated opponents

The results:

First round: India 1 bt Zimbabwe 4-0 (Vidit Gujrathi bt Rodwel Makoto; Arjun Erigaisi bt Spencer Masango; S. L. Narayanan bt Emarald Takudzwa Mushore; K. Sasikiran bt Jemusse Zhemba).

UAE lost to India 2 0-4 (Omran Al Hosani lost to D. Gukesh; Ibrahim Sultan lost to Nihal Sarin; Saeed Laily Mohamed lost to B. Adhiban; Al Taher Abdulrahman Mohammad lost to Raunak Sadhwani).

India 3 bt South Sudan 4-0 (S. P. Sethuraman bt Deng Cypriano Rehan; Abhijeet Gupta lost to Mach Duany Ajak; M. Karthikeyan bt Gong Thon Gong; Abhimanyu Puranik bt Majur Manyang Peter).

Angola lost to USA 0.5-3.5; Lebanon lost to Norway 0.5-3.5; Spain bt Wales 4-0; Syria lost to Poland 0-4; Azerbaijan bt Algeria 4-0; Jordan lost to Netherlands 0-4; Ukraine bt Thailand 4-0; Sudan lost to Germany 0-4; England bt Cyprus 4-0.

Flying start for Indian women

RAKESH RAO
MAMALLAPURAM

It was a walk in the park for most teams but for Tania Sachdev, it was a different story.

Long after her teammates K. Humpy, R. Vaishali and Bhakti Kulkarni eased to victories against opponents from Tajikistan, Tania was still busy trying to find a breakthrough against her lower-rated rival Rukhshona Saidova. Finally, she managed to capitalise on a blunder on the 83rd move and closed out the game in 103 moves.

It was indeed a great show of resilience from Rukhshona, rated 1624, against Tania's 2399. All other Indians, across three teams, won with varying degrees of ease.

Vaishali, making her debut, won in just 39 moves before Humpy and Bhakti took 41 and 50 moves respectively.

India 2, facing Wales, had an easier time. Though spearhead Vantika took 56 moves to seal the match 4-0, Mary Ann Gomes, Soumya Swaminathan and debutant Divya Deshmukh had ensured the team a winning start.

Mary, the most experienced player in the line-up, needed just 29 moves., five less than Divya. Soumya cruised home after 37 turns.

Similarly, India 3 made it past Hong Kong without ado. Like Vantika on the top board for India 2, Eesha Karavade worked hard for a win in 49 moves. P.V. Nandhidhaa needed just 29 moves, Varshini Sahithi 37 and Pratyusha Bodda 32.

As widely anticipated, from the top 18 seeds, 17 swept past their rivals without dropping even half a point.

The results (first round):

Tajikistan lost to India 1 0-4 (Nadezhda Antonova lost to K. Humpy; Sabrina Abrorova lost to R. Vaishali; Rukhshona Saidova lost to Tania Sachdev; Mutriba Hotami lost to Bhakti Kulkarni).

Wales lost to India 2 0-4 (Olivia Smith lost to Vantika Agarwal; Kimberly Chong lost to Soumya Swaminathan; Hiya Ray lost to Mary Ann Gomes; Khushi Bagga lost to Divya Deshmukh).

India 3 bt Hong Kong 4-0 (Eesha Karavade bt Sigappi Kannappan; P. V. Nandhidhaa bt Deng Jing Xing Crystal; Varshini Sahithi bt Li Joy Ching; Pratyusha Bodda bt Lam Ka Yan).

Ukraine bt South Africa 4-0; Iraq lost to Georgia 0-4; Poland bt Syria 4-0; Monaco lost to France 0-4; Azerbaijan bt UAE 4-0; Puerto Rico lost to USA 0-4; Germany bt Zambia 4-0; Botswana lost to Armenia 0-4; Kazakhstan bt Guatemala 4-0.

The clock starts: Humpy took 41 moves to beat Antonova. •B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

India 3 strong enough to be a 'dark horse'

Host fielding three teams good for fans

VISWANATHAN ANAND

Today, I didn't expect too many surprises. There was the biggest strength-difference in pairings so it went smoothly for the top teams.

Even if there is an accident, it won't be enough to disturb the team. There could be one board that can go wrong here or there, like Levon's today. On a day like this, more action will be in the middle (of the draw) where the teams converge in strength.

Highly motivated

India fielding three teams in each section is obviously good for the Indian fans. The third team in the women's section has lots of 'rookies' but they are highly motivated and trained. I hope for a good result from them, some results that they are happy with. At the moment, I don't have a sense of what expectations to have (from them).

Surya Shekhar Ganguly, S.P. Sethuraman, Murali Karthikeyan, Abhijeet Gupta and Abhimanyu Puranik (in India 3) are tough journeymen. It won't surprise me if they do even better than the players in India 1. It depends on their opponents and how their game shapes up. They are strong enough to be a 'dark horse'. They are strong enough to be a 'Thambi'. They are just a strong, dangerous team.

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Game of the day

In chess, it is said that it is easier to reach a winning position than to win from a winning position. David Silva managed the first part surprisingly well, was extremely happy with the position over the board and quickly agreed to a draw in 41 moves.

Playing black, Aronian did try to create some chances by exchanging a rook for a bishop but Silva was equal to the challenge and gave nothing away. Soon, Aronian faltered on the 25th and later on the 36th, too. But Silva seemed more focused on keeping his position solid.

In fact, in a position where the draw was agreed, Silva could have built on the advantage had he continued by exchanging the queen. Obviously, he must have thought of the queen-exchange but did not have a clear-cut winning plan. This is where the difference in their rating strength – 460 points to be precise – showed up. – **Rakesh Rao**

Rohit, Karthik and bowlers star as India crushes WI

Skipper scores a 44-ball 64, the 'Finisher' a 19-ball 41; Arshdeep, Ashwin and Bishnoi scalp two each

INDIA IN WI

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Rohit Sharma's elegant half-century and Dinesh Karthik's blazing finish were backed up by a solid bowling performance as India made short work of West Indies with a 68-run victory in the first T20I on Friday.

While Rohit set up the platform with a 44-ball 64, it was Karthik's calculated assault – an unbeaten 41 off 19 balls – that took India to 190 for six after being put in to bat. The last three overs, which yielded 45, turned the contest on its head.

On a track where there was spongy bounce with a bit of turn and grip, the Indian spinners R. Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Ravi Bishnoi got wickets at regular intervals to restrict the hosts to 122 for eight in 20 overs.

Ashwin and Bishnoi bowled superb spells, the former showing his variations and the latter happy bowling a bunch of googlies which the opposition batters failed to read on most occasions.

Left-arm seamer Arshdeep Singh and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, too, provided breakthroughs to put the skids on Nicholas Pooran's men.

Cutting loose: Karthik smashed four fours and two sixes in his cameo that turned the contest on its head. •AFP

Earlier, Rohit, who scored his 27th half-century in T20Is, reclaimed his position as the highest run-getter (3443 runs) from Martin Guptill (3399). Rohit's innings contained seven fours and two sixes – a lofted shot dancing down the track off Jason Holder and a short-arm pull off Alzarri Joseph.

In the final overs, Karthik smashed four fours and two sixes in a brilliant display of shot-making.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Rohit Sharma c Hetmyer b Holder 64 *(44b, 7x4, 2x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Holder b Hosein 24 *(16b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Shreyas Iyer c Hosein b McCoy 0 *(4b)*, Rishabh Pant c Hosein b Paul 14 *(12b, 2x4)*, Hardik Pandya c McCoy b Joseph 1 *(3b)*, Ravindra Jadeja c Paul b Joseph 16 *(13b, 2x4)*, Dinesh Karthik (not out) 41 *(19b, 4x4, 2x6)*, R. Ashwin (not out) 13 *(10b, 1x6)*; Extras (b-4, lb-4, w-8, nb-1): 17; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 190.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-44 (Suryakumar, 4.4 overs), 2-45 (Shreyas, 5.5), 3-88 (Pant, 9.6), 4-102 (Hardik, 11.5), 5-127 (Rohit, 14.5), 6-138 (Jadeja, 15.6).

WEST INDIES BOWLING

McCoy 4-0-30-1, Holder 4-0-50-1, Hosein 4-0-14-1, Joseph 4-0-46-2, Smith 2-0-18-0, Paul 2-0-24-1.

WEST INDIES

Kyle Mayers c Bhuvneshwar b Arshdeep 15 *(6b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Shamarh Brooks b Bhuvneshwar 20 *(15b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Jason Holder b Jadeja 0 *(4b)*, Nicholas Pooran c Pant b Ashwin 18 *(15b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Rovman Powell b Bishnoi 14 *(17b, 1x6)*, Shimron Hetmyer c Suryakumar b Ashwin 14 *(15b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Akeal Hosein b Arshdeep 11 *(15b, 1x6)*, Odean Smith st. Pant b Bishnoi 0 *(2b)*, Keemo Paul (not out) 19 *(22b, 2x4)*, Alzarri Joseph (not out) 5 *(11b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-3, nb-2): 6; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 122.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-22 (Mayers, 1.3), 2-27 (Holder, 2.6), 3-42 (Brooks, 5.2), 4-66 (Pooran, 8.2), 5-82 (Powell, 11.1), 6-86 (Hetmyer, 12.4), 7-86 (Smith, 13.2), 8-101 (Hosein, 16.3).

INDIA BOWLING

Bhuvneshwar 2-1-11-1, Arshdeep 4-0-24-2, Jadeja 4-0-26-1, Ashwin 4-0-22-2, Hardik 2-0-12-0, Bishnoi 4-0-26-2.

Toss: WI; **MoM:** Karthik.

India won by 68 runs to take a 1-0 lead in five-match series.

Second T20I: August 1, Basseterre, 8 p.m. IST.

TOP INDIAN PICKS

A look at some of the Indian players/teams who will be seen in action on Saturday:

Artistic Gymnastics: Women's team final and individual qualification: Ruthuja Nataraj, Protistha Samanta, Pranati Nayak (9 p.m.).

Athletics: Men's marathon (final): Nitendra Singh Rawat, 1.30 p.m.

Badminton: Mixed team (Group A): vs. Sri Lanka (1.30 p.m.); vs. Australia (11.30 p.m.).

Boxing: Men: Featherweight (round-of-32): Mohammad Hussamuddin vs. Amzolele Dyeyi, 5 p.m.; Heavyweight (round-of-16): Sanjeet vs. Ato Plodzicki-Faoagali, 1 a.m. (July 31); Women: Light Middleweight (round-of-16): Lovlina Borgohain vs. Ariane Nicholson (NZ), 12 a.m. (July 31).

Hockey: Women (Pool A): vs. Wales, 11.30 p.m.

Squash (round-of-32): Men: Ramit Tandon vs. Christopher Binnie, 5 p.m.; Saurav Ghosal vs. Shamil Wakeel, 6.15 p.m.; Women: Sunayna Kuruvilla vs. Aifa Azman, 5.45 p.m; Joshna Chinappa vs. Meagan Best, 5.45 p.m.; Anahat Singh vs Emily Whitlock, 11.45 p.m.

Swimming: Men's 200m freestyle (heats): Kushagra Rawat (3 p.m.).

Table Tennis: Team event: Women (Group 2): vs. Guyana (2 p.m.). Men (Group 3): vs. Northern Ireland (4.30 p.m.).

Weightlifting: Men: 55kg: Sanket Sargar, 1.30 p.m.; 61kg: Gururaja, 4.15 p.m.; Women: 49kg: Mirabai Chanu, 8 p.m.; 55kg: Bindyarani Devi, 12.30 a.m. (July 31).

All times IST.

Indian shuttlers blank Pakistan

Women's hockey team thumps Ghana; paddlers have it easy

BIRMINGHAM 2022
commonwealth games

AGENCIES
BIRMINGHAM

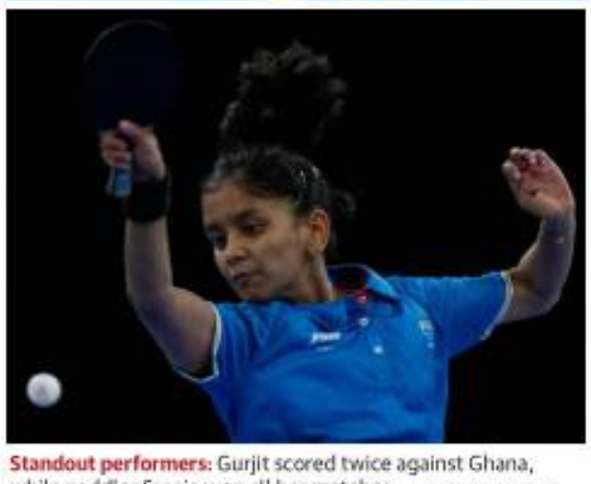
Indian shuttlers didn't break a sweat on way to completing a 5-0 sweep of Pakistan in their Group A mixed team campaign opener at the 22nd Commonwealth Games here on Friday.

B. Sumeeth Reddy and Ashwini Ponnappa scored a 21-9, 21-12 win over Muhammad Irfan Saeed Bhatti and Ghazala Siddique before K. Srikanth eased past Murad Ali 21-7, 21-12.

P.V. Sindhu waltzed past Mahoor Shahzad 21-7, 21-6 while Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeated Murad Ali and Muhammad Irfan Saeed Bhatti 21-12, 21-9. Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand crushed Mahoor Shahzad and Ghazala Siddique 21-4, 21-5.

TABLE TENNIS: The Indian table tennis teams had easy starts with the women scoring 3-0 wins over South Africa and Fiji and the men blanking Barbados and Singapore.

HOCKEY: The Indian women's hockey team routed Ghana 5-0 in Pool A with Gurjit Kaur (3rd-PC, 39th), Neha Goyal (28th), Sangita Kumari (36th) and Salima Tete (56th) finding the target. India, however, converted only one of its 10 penalty corners.



Standout performers: Gurjit scored twice against Ghana, while paddler Sreeja won all her matches. •GETTY IMAGES & AP

Renuka's effort goes in vain as Australia edges out India

SANTADEEP DEY
BIRMINGHAM

India pacer Renuka Singh's dream spell (4-0-18-4) went in vain as Australia began its Commonwealth Games campaign with a three-wicket victory on Friday.

Chasing 155, Australia's top four – Alyssa Healy, Meg Lanning, Beth Mooney and Tahlia McGrath – fell to Renuka within the PowerPlay.

Grace Harris (37, 20b, 5x4, 2x6) counterattacked before falling to an excellent catch by India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur. Jess Jonassen perished soon as Australia slipped to 110 for seven.

However, Ashleigh Gardner (52 n.o., 35b , 9x4) found an ideal partner in Alana King, the duo taking the team past the finish line with an unbeaten 47-run stand off 28 balls.

Earlier, Shafali Verma (48, 33b, 9x4), who was dropped on 19, welcomed medium-pacer McGrath into the attack with three consecutive fours. After Yastika's run out in the 10th over, Shafali hit four fours off the very next from Brown before being dismissed by Jonassen. Harmanpreet (52, 34b, 8x4, 1x6) flourished at the death to take India to 154 for eight, but it proved inadequate.

The scores: India 154/8 in 20 overs (Harmanpreet Kaur 52, Shafali Verma 48, Jess Jonassen 4/22) lost to Australia 157/7 in 19 overs (Ashleigh Gardner 52 n.o., Grace Harris 37, Renuka Singh 4/18, Deepti Sharma 2/24).

Renuka... a superb spell. •PTI

INDIAN RESULTS

Badminton: Mixed team (Group A): bt Pakistan 5-0.

Boxing: Men: Light Welter (round-of-32): Shiva Thapa bt Suleman Baloch (Pak).

Cricket: Women (Group A): lost to Australia by three wickets.

Cycling (qualifying): Men: 4000m Team Pursuit: Sixth (DNQ for medal race); Team Sprint: Sixth (DNQ for medal race). Women: Team Sprint: Seventh (DNQ for medal race).

Hockey: Women (Pool A): bt Ghana 5-0.

Lawn Bowls: Men: Triples sectional play (Section A): Round 1: lost to New Zealand 6-23; Round 2: lost to Scotland 12-19. Pairs sectional play (Section C): Round 1: lost to Malaysia 14-17; Women: Singles sectional play (Section B): Round 1: Tania Choudhury lost to Dee Hoggan (Sco) 10-21; Round 2: Tania lost to Daphne Arthur-Almond (Flk) 20-21.

Squash (round-of-64): Women: Anahat Singh bt Jada Ross (SVG) 3-0.

Swimming: Men: 100m backstroke: Srihari Nataraj (5th overall), enters semifinals; 400m freestyle: Kushagra Rawat (14th overall), DNQ for final; 50m butterfly: Sajan Prakash (24th overall), DNQ for semifinals.

Table Tennis: Team event: Women (Group 2): bt South Africa 3-0; bt Fiji 3-0. Men (Group 3): bt Barbados 3-0.

Triathlon: Individual (Sprint Distance) - Final: Men: 30. Adarsh Muralidharan Nair, 33. Vishwanath Yadav. Women: 26. Pragnya Mohan, 28. Sanjana.

Let the Games begin

Proud moment: Sindhu and Manpreet lead the Indian team during the Opening Ceremony on Thursday. •GETTY IMAGES

Shiva Thapa advances in style

Boxer posts emphatic win over Pakistan's Suleman Baloch in 63.5kg category

Y. B. SARANGI

Experience counts: Thapa began confidently by landing solid left jabs and body shots. • PTI

World and Asian medallist boxer Shiva Thapa lived up to his billing with an emphatic win over Pakistan's Suleman Baloch in a men's 63.5kg first round bout at the National Exhibition Centre Hall-in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham here on Friday.

Thapa posted a 5-0 win in a one-sided contest to fix a pre-quarterfinal date with another World championships bronze medallist, Scotland's Reese Lynch, who out punched Kiribati's Timon Aree with the referee stopping the contest.

The experienced Indian began confidently by landing solid left jabs and body shots from a distance.

Thapa won the first round easily and continued to maintain his superiority using his fast hands.

Trying to catch up

Seven-time Pakistan National champion Baloch desperately tried to catch up and witnessed a point being deducted for holding Thapa in the second round.

Thapa beautifully covered the ring and displayed his combinations through counterattacks to leave Baloch clueless in the third and final round.

Clearly, the Indian used the full duration of the bout to get some valuable ring time ahead of an important contest against a stronger rival.

Mirabai Chanu is the beacon to follow

India girded to improve upon Gold Coast tally

WEIGHTLIFTING

Y.B. SARANGI

Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Mirabai Chanu will be a huge source of inspiration, as India seeks to retain its No. 1 position in weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games.

Along with Mirabai, who has an individual tally of one gold and one silver and is the runaway favourite for the women's 49kg crown, Commonwealth record-holder Sanket Sargar (men's 55kg) and Gururaja (61kg) will be keen to contribute to the country's medals tally on the opening day on Saturday.

Miles ahead

Mirabai, who recorded a total of 191kg in her last outing in June, is miles ahead of her nearest competitor Nigerian Stella Kingsley, the Commonwealth championship winner in December with an aggregate of 168kg. So, Mirabai will look forward to achieving her long-cherished goal of the 90kg mark in snatch.

Sargar's best of 256kg makes him the top man in 55kg, but Gururaja (265kg) may face some challenges in his attempt to ensure a podium finish.

Jeremy Lalrinnunga (67kg), a 2018 Youth Olympics champion, and Achinta Sheuli (73kg) are among India's gold prospects.

Jeremy, who lifted 305kg for his Commonwealth title and is performing in the range of 290-295kg now, may have a keen tussle with Nigerian Joseph Edidiong (295kg). Achinta, who totalled 316kg in Tashkent, is some distance away from Malaysia's Mohammad Hidayat (301kg). Another Commonwealth champion Ajay Singh (81kg) will try to go for the gold.

Other hopefuls

Other than Mirabai, Bindyarani Devi (55kg), Punam Yadav (76kg) – who has overcame knee issues and is going for a third successive medal – will be among the podium hopefuls in the women's section. India will expect to improve upon its tally of nine medals, including five golds, in Gold Coast despite the overall competition having become tougher.

KARNATAKA ROUND UP

Super show: Harshini and Aradhya, champions at the Nichsolv AITA Super Series u-16 tournament. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

With the cup: Akaash and Judy, winners of the K. Damodar & Co. State tenpin bowling championships. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Shriram Group is title sponsor for Maharaja Trophy

BENGALURU: The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), on Friday, announced The Shriram Group as the title sponsor for the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 for a three-year period.

The inaugural edition of the tournament is set to begin on August 7 in Mysuru, for which the player draft will be held at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Akaash and Judy triumph

Defending champion Akaash Ashok Kumar and Judy Alban secured the men's and women's titles respectively at the seventh K. Damodar & Co. Karnataka State tenpin bowling championships which concluded on Friday.

Akaash, who beat R. Kishan by 92 pins to win his fifth title, took a lead of 43 pins in Game 1 (209-166) and consolidated it in Game 2 by scoring 217 to Kishan's 168 before eventually winning by a substantial margin.

Among women, Judy defeated defending champion Preemal Joan by 43 pins to win her fourth title.

Preemal had a slow start, scoring 158 against Judy Alban's 178 in Game 1.

In Game 2, Judy scored 179 to Preemal's 156 to take home the trophy by 43 points.

Aradhya and Harshini emerge champions

Aradhya Kshitij and N. Harshini emerged the boys' and girls' singles champions respectively at the Nichsolv AITA Super Series under-16 tennis tournament that concluded at the KSLTA Stadium on Friday.

Harshini made the day more memorable by clinching the doubles title as well, in the company of Arzan Khorakiwala.

The results (finals):

Boys, singles: Aradhya Kshitij bt Sriniketh Kannan 6-1, 6-4; **Doubles:** P. Surran & Suhas Soma bt A. Bhattacharya & Srikar Doni 6-3, 1-6, [10-7]. **Girls, singles:** N. Harshini bt Disha Santosh Khandoji 6-2, 6-0; **Doubles:** Harshini & Arzan Khorakiwala bt Lukshitha Gopinath & S. Bhuvaneswaran 6-3, 6-1.

Five-a-side u-16 hockey

Bengaluru Hockey Association will conduct its annual D.S. Murthy & Radha Murthy Memorial five-a-side U-16 hockey tournament from July 30 to August 28 at the KSHA Hockey Stadium. In all, 40 boys and eight girls' teams are set to participate in the competition which will have matches on the weekend.

Rakshit and Yashaswini win

MYSURU: Rakshit R. Barigidad and Yashaswini D. Ghorpade won the men's and women's singles titles respectively at the State-ranking table tennis tournament, organised by the Mysore District Table Tennis Association.

The result (finals):

Men: Rakshit R. Barigidad bt Anirban Roychowdhury 11-6, 11-5, 12-10, 15-13; **Women:** Yashaswini D .Ghorpade bt Maria Rony 11 - 5, 8-11, 8-11, 10-12, 11-7, 11-6, 11-8.

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